



McConnell wields Green New Deal as bludgeon against Dems

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate will vote on the Green New Deal, a moon-shot plan by Democrats to combat climate change, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday, announcing a move designed to force Senate Democrats — including a cast of presidential candidates — into a political bind.

The plan, initially championed by freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, calls for a New Deal-style mobilization to shift the U.S. economy away from fossil fuels such as oil and coal and replace them with renewable sources such as wind and solar power. Republicans have mocked it a progressive pipedream that would drive the econ-

omy off a cliff and lead to a huge tax increase, calling it evidence of the creep of "socialism" in the party.

The upcoming vote — which has not yet been scheduled — will "give everybody an opportunity to go on record," McConnell said.

The vote could be a moment of truth for several Democratic presidential candidates. The document is one of the first high-profile attempts at policymaking from the newly empowered liberal wing of the party. It drew swift praise from several 2020 contenders angling for support from the party's base. The Senate vote will test how far left those candidates are willing to go, risking leaving moderate voters behind.

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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., walks to the chamber on the morning after House and Senate negotiators worked out a border security compromise hoping to avoid another government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

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GREEN NEW DEAL

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Republicans see it — and its rocky rollout promoting elements of the proposal later rescinded — as a political opening.

President Donald Trump slammed the Green New Deal at a rally Monday in El Paso, Texas, saying it would "shut down American energy." It sounds like "a high-school term paper that got a low mark," he said. Trump has frequently expressed doubt about climate change and said he does not believe action is needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. His administration has

focused on U.S. "energy dominance" and increased production of oil, gas and coal on federal and private land.

The climate measure is already supported by at least five senators seeking the Democratic nomination for president: Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Kamala Harris of California, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota. Vermont Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, who's likely to enter the Democratic primary soon, is also a supporter.

But a seventh potential candidate in 2020, Ohio Democratic Sen. Sherrod

Brown, pointedly declined Tuesday to attach his name and dismissed liberal activists' contention that he has to support the Green New Deal in order to prove his commitment to the issue.

"I don't need to co-sponsor every bill that others think they need to co-sponsor to show my progressive politics," Brown told reporters.

Asked about the proposal Tuesday, Klobuchar said she was a supporter of the broad idea, but kept some distance from the details.

"I see it as aspirational," she said on Fox News. "I am for a jumpstart of the discussion and a framework."

The vote wouldn't be the first time Senate Republicans forced Democratic presidential hopefuls to go on the record about a liberal proposal they believe will alienate moderate voters later. The GOP-controlled Senate scheduled a symbolic vote on single-payer health care legislation in 2017, a decision also intended to put prominent liberals on the spot, and in January brought up foreign policy legislation that took on the boycott movement against Israel.

The vote on the health care legislation didn't quite carry the punch Republicans had hoped. Rather than expose of rift in the party, 43 Democrats decided to vote "present" as a show of frustration with the politically motivated maneuver. Spearheaded by Ocasio-Cortez, of New York, and Democratic Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, the proposal calls for dramatic steps to virtually eliminate U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. The nonbinding resolution sets a goal to



Rep. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, and Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, right, walk to a meeting with Republican Senate leadership at the offices of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. on Capitol Hill, Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in Washington.

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meet "100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable and zero-emission energy sources," including nuclear power.

The plan goes far beyond energy to urge national health care coverage and job guarantees, as well as high-quality education, affordable housing and a high-speed rail network. The ambitious proposal met a reality check Tuesday as California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced he's abandoning a plan to build a high-speed rail line between Los Angeles and San Francisco, a project with an estimated cost that has ballooned to \$77 billion. It also calls for upgrading all existing buildings in the United States to be energy-efficient.

"This is now a voting issue across the country," Markey said last week. "The green generation has risen up and they are saying they want this issue solved."

Problems in the Democratic rollout of the proposal have further fueled the Republican attacks.

Trump, at his rally Monday

night, said that under the Green New Deal, "You're not allowed to own cows anymore." He added that the plan would "shut down American energy" and "a little thing called air travel." The resolution submitted to the House and Senate makes no mention of cows or air travel. But Trump's comments referred to a fact sheet of "Frequently Asked Questions" distributed by Ocasio-Cortez's office prior to a news conference last week. Ocasio-Cortez has subsequently described the fact sheet, which has been deleted from her website, as a "draft."

The earlier version of the fact sheet described measures far beyond those contained in the actual plan, such as: "Build out high-speed rail at a scale where air travel stops becoming necessary." And it made the impolitic statement: "We set a goal to get to net-zero, rather than zero emissions, in 10 years because we aren't sure that we'll be able to fully get rid of farting cows and airplanes that fast." □

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California loses border wall challenge at appeals court

By BRIAN MELLEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled that the Trump administration did not exceed its powers by waiving environmental rules to speed up construction of prototypes

such appeals belong before the Supreme Court. The ruling came as Congress worked out a government funding deal that includes some but not all of the money President Donald Trump wants for his

wall in California, New Mexico and Texas. Lawsuits opposed to some of those projects are pending, but legal challenges to such barriers have failed over the years amid national security concerns.

At issue in court were waivers the secretary issued in 2017 to cover fencing in two California cities. The waivers were for eight prototypes built in San Diego and 2 miles (3 kilometers) of replacement fencing

completed in downtown Calexico. Construction is almost complete on one 14-mile (23-kilometer) section of barrier in San Diego and work is about to start on another of the same length. □



In this March 5, 2018, file photo, boys look through an older section of the border structure from Mexicali, Mexico, alongside a newly-constructed, taller section, left, in Calexico, Calif.

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and replacement of the U.S.-Mexico border wall. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday rejected arguments by the state of California and environmental groups who tried to block work that has mostly been completed near San Diego and Calexico. The 2-1 opinion upheld a lower court decision that found the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 allows the Department of Homeland Security to avoid lengthy environmental reviews to speed construction of border barriers. The one dissenting judge said the case should have been thrown out because

cherished border wall expansion. A dispute over that funding, which does not include the sections of wall challenged in court, led to an unprecedented 35-day government shutdown that ended last month. The appeals court case argued in Pasadena in August revolved around whether the Homeland Security secretary had authority to waive dozens of laws including the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act. Reviews required by those laws can often delay or derail projects. The administration has issued several waivers to build sections of border



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Ex-astronaut Mark Kelly makes Democratic bid for Senate seat



In this Oct. 2, 2017, file photo former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., right, listens as her husband Mark Kelly, left, speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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By JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Retired astronaut Mark Kelly, who became a prominent gun-

control advocate after his wife, former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, was shot in a failed assassination attempt, announced Tues-

day he will run to finish John McCain's last term in the U.S. Senate.

If he wins the Democratic nomination, Kelly would take on Republican Martha McSally in what is expected to be one of the most closely contested Senate races of the 2020 election. Kelly described himself as an independent-minded centrist who will take a scientist's data-driven approach to solving problems such as climate change, wage stagnation and health care affordability.

"You see a lot of partisanship in Washington and a lot of polarization, and to some extent we've created that," Kelly told The Associated Press. "It's going to take people who are more independent to fix it.

Arizonans value independence."

If Kelly is nominated the race would pit the Navy veteran and astronaut against McSally, a trailblazing Air Force pilot, in the contest to replace McCain, a legendary Navy flyer who was famously shot down and held captive in North Vietnam.

McSally is a former Republican congresswoman who was appointed to McCain's seat after she narrowly lost to Democrat Kyrsten Sinema last November in the race for outgoing Republican Jeff Flake's seat. McSally leaned heavily on her record as the first woman to fly a combat mission, but she was hurt by her embrace of President Donald Trump.

The 2020 election will decide who finishes the last two years of McCain's term. The winner would have to run again for a full six-year term in 2022.

Democrats are eagerly watching the Arizona contest, having already defeated McSally. The party is also gauging whether Arizona could be competitive at the presidential level in 2020, where Trump won in 2016.

Kelly has never held elected office. He flew combat missions during the first Gulf War before becoming an astronaut along with his twin brother, Scott Kelly. He flew four space missions over 10 years and commanded the Space Shuttle Endeavor in 2011.

Kelly and Giffords have pushed Congress to enact gun control measures with little success. They shifted their focus to state legislatures in recent years, helping to strengthen background checks and domestic violence protections.

Giffords was severely

wounded in a mass shooting on Jan. 8, 2011. The shooting at a Giffords meet-and-greet event in Tucson left six dead and 13 injured.

Giffords played a prominent role in the four-minute video Tuesday launching Kelly's campaign.

"I thought then that I had the risky job," Kelly says to Giffords. "Turned out, you were the one that had the risky job."

Kelly told the AP Giffords, who has been a rising Democratic star before the shooting, will join him frequently during campaign appearances.

Republican Gov. Doug Ducey appointed McSally to the vacant Senate seat after his first appointee, former Sen. Jon Kyl, resigned after only a few months in office.

Arizona has been a long-standing Republican stronghold, but a growing Latino population and frustration among women with Trump have helped Democrats make inroads.

U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego of Phoenix is also considering a Senate run that would likely position him to Kelly's left politically.

"I've made no secret of the fact that I'm looking seriously at running for the U.S. Senate in 2020, and that hasn't changed," Gallego said on Twitter following Kelly's announcement. "I'll be making a final decision and announcement soon." Former Attorney General Grant Woods, a lifelong Republican who became a Democrat and a fierce critic of Trump, said last week he will not run for the seat. McCain, a legendary and beloved Arizona politician, died last year from an aggressive form of brain cancer after more than three decades in the Senate. □





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APNewsBreak: Teach for America slammed over Oakland strike

By SALLY HO

Associated Press

Hundreds of Teach for America alumni are slamming the educator placement program for suggesting members should cross the picket line during a potential teacher strike in Oakland, California, or risk losing thousands of dollars at the end of their service. More than 300 alumni signed the letter delivered Monday to Teach for America's leadership, asking it to stop "pressuring" young teachers to break a strike that could come next week.

The Associated Press obtained the letter sent to a nonprofit known for placing high-achieving college graduates without formal teaching training into two-year educator jobs in low-income communities.

Payton Carter, a 1999 Teach for America alumnus and current Oakland teacher, said he was outraged that members may lose an award worth \$2,000 to \$10,000 — a financial incentive the nonprofit uses as a recruiting tool.

"We feel it's really unethical and an unfair use of the funding, as basically financial leverage to coerce them into crossing the picket line," Carter said. "No TFA corps member would willingly do that because of the professional damage to relationships." Spokesman Jack Hardy said Teach for America didn't provide recommendations on what its 58 teachers should do in

the school district, where a possible strike would affect 36,000 students. He said there's a misunderstanding on the guidance it communicated outlining rules from AmeriCorps, a federal service program that bans striking and provides the awards at the end of teachers' two-year service commitment.

"We don't have a position on the strike or organizing. Our corp members, we stand behind them, we stand beside them. Our goal is to help them be successful," Hardy said.

AmeriCorps spokeswoman Samantha Jo Warfield said striking is prohibited but that in these circumstances, it's up to Teach for America to decide how to handle picket lines.

Hardy said Teach for America offered the same guidance during a strike last month by Los Angeles teachers in the nation's second-largest school district and is exploring if it could help supplement an AmeriCorps award if a teacher loses it.

Teach for America has for years faced criticism and skepticism from those who call the education reform model disruptive to traditional public schools. Critics say it recruits underprepared or ineffective teachers who may see the two-year stint as a feel-good stepping stone rather than a career path.

Though the nonprofit vets its corps members for teaching jobs in under-

served schools nationwide, the new teachers become employees of the school system and many join the teachers union.

In partnership with AmeriCorps, Teach for America members can apply for an education award at the end of their service to help pay off student loans.

Teach for America is by default forcing its members to make a political decision without a choice, said Ismael Armendariz, first vice president of the Oakland Education Association, which represents about 3,000 teachers.

"It's also a political action to cross the picket line," said Armendariz, who is a special-education teacher and 2012 alumnus of Teach for America.



In this Sept. 12, 2014 file photo, AmeriCorps volunteers take a pledge as President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton mark the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps, which promotes volunteerism and community service, on the South Lawn at the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

Oakland teachers have voted to authorize a strike if their union can't reach a deal with the school district on pay raises and smaller

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Notorious drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman convicted

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Mexico's most notorious drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, was convicted Tuesday of running an industrial-scale smuggling operation after a three-month trial packed with Hollywood-style tales of grisly killings, political payoffs, cocaine hidden in jalapeno cans, jewel-encrusted guns and a naked escape with his mistress through a tunnel. Guzman listened to a drumbeat of guilty verdicts on drug and conspiracy charges that could put the 61-year-old escape artist behind bars for decades in a maximum-security U.S. prison selected to thwart another one of the break-outs that made him a folk hero in his native country. A jury whose members' identities were kept secret as a security measure reached a verdict after deliberating six days in the expansive case. They sorted through what authorities called an "avalanche" of evidence gathered since the late 1980s that Guzman and his murderous Sinaloa



In this courtroom drawing, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, second from right, accompanied by U.S. Marshalls, gestures a "thumbs up" to his wife, Emma Coronel Aispuro, as he leaves the courtroom, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in New York.

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drug cartel made billions in profits by smuggling tons of cocaine, heroin, meth and marijuana into the U.S. As the judge read the verdict, Guzman stared at the jury, and his wife watched the scene, both with resignation in their faces. When the jurors were discharged and Guzman stood to leave the courtroom, the couple traded thumbs-ups. U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan lauded the jury's me-

ticulous attention to detail and the "remarkable" approach it took toward deliberations. Cogan said it made him "very proud to be an American." Evidence showed drugs poured into the U.S. through secret tunnels or hidden in tanker trucks, concealed in the undercarriage of passenger cars and packed in rail cars passing through legitimate points of entry — suggesting that a border

wall wouldn't be much of a worry.

The prosecution's case against Guzman, a roughly 5½-foot figure whose nickname translates to "Shorty," included the testimony of several turncoats and other witnesses. Among them were Guzman's former Sinaloa lieutenants, a computer encryption expert and a Colombian cocaine supplier who underwent extreme plastic surgery to disguise his appearance. One Sinaloa insider described Mexican workers getting contact highs while packing cocaine into thousands of jalapeno cans — shipments that totaled 25 to 30 tons of cocaine worth \$500 million each year. Another testified how Guzman sometimes acted as his own sicario, or hitman, punishing a Sinaloa who dared to work for another cartel by kidnapping him, beating and shooting him and having his men bury the victim while he was still alive, gasping for air. The defense case lasted just half an hour. Guzman's lawyers did not deny his crimes as much as argue he was a fall guy for government witnesses who were more evil than he was.

In closing arguments, defense attorney Jeffrey Lichtman urged the jury not to believe government witnesses who "lie, steal, cheat, deal drugs and kill people."

U.S. Attorney Richard Donoghue called the conviction "a victory for the American people who suffered so much" while the defendant poured poison over the borders. He expected Guzman to get life without parole.

"It is a sentence from which there is no escape and no return," Donoghue told a news conference outside the courthouse, through snow and sleet.

He added: "There are those who say the war on drugs is not worth fighting. Those people are wrong."

Ray Donovan, head of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York office said the case underscored Guzman's true col-

ors, showing that "the real Chapo is a ruthless killer and manipulator."

Lichtman said the defense "fought like complete savages" and will appeal the case. "No matter who the defendant is, you still have to fight to the death."

He said his client was a positive thinker who "doesn't give up."

Upon hearing the verdict, Guzman was "as cool as a cucumber," Lichtman added. "Honest to god, we were more upset than he was."

Deliberations were complicated by the trial's vast scope. Jurors were tasked with making 53 decisions about whether prosecutors have proven different elements of the case.

The trial cast a harsh glare on the corruption that allowed the cartel to flourish. Colombian trafficker Alex Cifuentes caused a stir by testifying that former Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto took a \$100 million bribe from Guzman. Peña Nieto denied it, but the allegation fit a theme: politicians, army commanders, police and prosecutors, all on the take.

The tension at times was cut by some of the trial's sideshows, such as the sight of Guzman and his wife, Emma Coronel Aispuro, showing up in matching burgundy velvet blazers in a gesture of solidarity. Another day, a Chapo-size actor who played the kingpin in the TV series "Narcos: Mexico" came to watch, telling reporters that seeing the defendant flash him a smile was "surreal."

While the trial was dominated by Guzman's persona as a near-mythical outlaw who carried a diamond-encrusted handgun and stayed one step ahead of the law, the jury never heard from Guzman himself, except when he told the judge he wouldn't testify.

But his sing-songy voice filled the courtroom, thanks to recordings of intercepted phone calls. "Amigo!" he said to a cartel distributor in Chicago. "Here at your service." □

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Students sue to open Yale fraternities to women

By DAVE COLLINS

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) —

Three women who attend Yale University sued the school and nine all-male fraternities Tuesday, seeking to force the social organizations to admit women in response to alleged sexual assault, harassment and discrimination.

The class-action lawsuit, filed in federal court in Connecticut, calls for a sweeping order banning fraternities from considering gender in admission decisions; fully integrating women in fraternity governance and alumni networks; and requiring Yale to prohibit student organizations — both on campus and off — from engaging in discrimination and harassment.

The three students also say women are being shut out of the social and economic benefits offered by all-male fraternities, includ-

ing access to vast alumni networks that can help land coveted jobs. While there are sororities, their power and influence pales in comparison with fraternities, the lawsuit says.

"It's not only breeding a very toxic sexual culture but also is giving undue economic and professional benefits to the male fraternity members," said one of the plaintiffs, Ry Walker, a 20-year-old junior from New York City majoring in astrophysics and African-American studies.

A Yale spokesman, Tom Conroy, said he did not have a comment on the lawsuit. But he pointed to a message shared last month by Yale College Dean Marvin Chun who described a review of allegations of a sexually hostile climate at the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the school's efforts to bring about more social opportunities for stu-

dents on campus.

An attorney for the fraternities, Joan Gilbride, said the students' accusations are baseless.

The other two plaintiffs are junior Anna McNeil and sophomore Eliana Singer. Their lawyers say they believe this is the first-ever lawsuit by students against a university seeking to "gender integrate" fraternities. □



This Sept. 9, 2016 photo shows Harkness Tower on the campus of Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

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FBI: Planned Parenthood clinic fire is possible hate crime

By MARGARET STAFFORD

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A fire at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Columbia, Missouri, was intentionally set and is being investigated as a possible hate crime, the FBI said in a statement Tuesday.

The agency also said it is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for the fire early Sunday.

The FBI said surveillance video shows a person wearing dark clothing entering the Planned Parenthood-Columbia Health Center about 4:05 a.m. Sunday. When that person later walked out of the clinic, smoke could be seen coming from the building, according to the agency. No one was inside the build-

ing when the fire was reported. The building's sprinkler system extinguished the fire before Columbia firefighters arrived. Firefighters told police the fire was "suspicious in nature," Columbia police said.

Federal civil rights crimes investigated by the FBI include violations of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which makes it a crime to intentionally damage or destroy the property of a facility because it provides reproductive health services.

Planned Parenthood president and CEO Dr. Brandon Hill said in a statement Tuesday that the clinic will remain closed for the rest of the week. The staff hopes to reopen next week and is working with patients to reschedule appointments, he said. □



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Italy slams EU for lack of solidarity, but faulted for same

By FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte demanded "authentic" solidarity from Italy's European Union partners on the issue of migrants Tuesday, but drew sharp barbs himself from EU lawmakers for refusing to join a united European stand on Venezuela and over Italy's nasty spat with France.

Addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Conte insisted his country's EU partners quit following what he called a "nationalistic logic" and instead take in some of the tens of thousands of economic migrants brought to Italy after rescue at sea but who are ineligible for asy-



Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte attend a debate on the future Europe at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Tuesday Feb. 12, 2019.

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"Let's put into practice an authentic solidarity," said Conte, whose populist

government includes a coalition partner that advocates "Italians first" policies in foreign affairs.

Christian Democrat leader Manfred Weber used the parliament's debate on the future of Europe to appeal to Conte for Italy to join the "common European approach" that recognizes Venezuelan congress leader Juan Guaido as his country's interim leader until a new presidential election is held in the South American nation.

"Guaido has asked Italy to recognize him. I think that you should answer Guaido if you think that there must be a common European approach" to issues, Weber said.

Earlier on Tuesday, Italy's foreign minister said in Rome that his government considers illegitimate last year's re-election of Nico-

las Maduro as Venezuelan president but stopped short of joining EU recognition for Guaido's role.

In his retort, Conte contended that recognizing Guaido risked aggravating the South American nation's crisis by "crowning one actor over another."

The senior partner in Conte's government, the euro-skeptic 5-Star Movement, staunchly backed Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez. European lawmaker Udo Bullmann slammed the Italian-French diplomatic spat between the two major trading partners. "In contests like these, no one comes out a winner. It's a classic lose-lose situation," Bullmann said during the debate. □

NATO chief vows response to Russian missile pact violations

By LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — NATO's secretary-general warned Tuesday that the military alliance will respond to what it insists are Russia's violation of a key Cold War-era treaty but will not station more nuclear missiles in Europe.

Jens Stoltenberg urged Russia to return to compliance with Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty it agreed bilaterally with the United States in 1987. On Feb. 2, Washington launched the six-month process of leaving the INF, insisting that a missile system Russia calls the Novator 9M729 — known at NATO as the SSC-8 — breaks the pact's range requirements. The INF bans production, testing and deployment of land-based cruise and bal-

listic missiles with a range of 500-5,500 kilometers (310-3,400 miles).

"Any steps we take will be coordinated, measured and defensive, and we do not intend to deploy new ground-based nuclear missiles in Europe," Stoltenberg told reporters at NATO headquarters in Brussels on the eve of a meeting of allied defense ministers.

Stoltenberg said the ministers will discuss Wednesday "what steps NATO should take to adapt to a world with more Russian missiles." He declined to say what measures are being considered.

"Moscow continues to develop and deploy several battalions of the SSC-8 missile," Stoltenberg said. "We all know that a treaty that is only respected by one side



NATO's Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg gestures during a news conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

cannot keep us safe."

The Pentagon believes that Russia's ground-fired cruise missile could give Moscow the ability to launch a nuclear strike in Europe with little or no notice.

Russia insists it has a range of less than 500 kilometers, and claims that U.S. target-practice missiles and drones also break the treaty. President Vladimir Putin has announced that he is

pulling Russia out of the INF too.

European NATO members are especially keen to avoid any nuclear buildup and a repeat of the missile crisis in the 1980s. NATO allies decided to deploy U.S. cruise and Pershing 2 ballistic missiles in Europe in 1983 as negotiations with Moscow faltered over its stationing of SS-20 missiles in Eastern Europe.

The U.S. ambassador to NATO, Kay Bailey Hutchison, sought to reassure them.

"Our allies want to know what the future will be, and the future will be that we will start the development of a defensive mechanism and we will keep our allies informed all along the way. We will consult at every turn," she said. □



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Anti-Semitic acts hit France amid anti-government protests

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

PARIS (AP) — Portraits of a Holocaust survivor stained with swastikas. A memorial in honor of a Jewish man vandalized. A bagel shop with the German word "Juden" sprayed on its front window.

These are just a few of the hundreds of anti-Semitic acts that have been committed in recent months in France, home to the world's largest Jewish population outside Israel and the United States.

According to French authorities, registered incidents of anti-Semitism rose to 541 last year from 311 in



This photo taken on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 and provided by the Paris city hall of the XIIIth district shows mailboxes with swastikas covering the face of the late Holocaust survivor and renowned French politician, Simone Veil, in Paris, France.

Associated Press

2017, an increase of 74 percent.

"These acts are revolting," Prime Minister Edouard Philippe said at the French parliament on Tuesday. "Day after day I'm noticing scandalous degradation and inscriptions. Day after day, I'm noticing that symbols and venues our country cherishes are attacked." A judicial official told The Associated Press that Paris prosecutors have opened four investigations following incidents in the French capital last weekend. The official was not authorized to be publicly named because the investigations

are ongoing.

"Anti-Semitism is spreading like a poison, like a venom," Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said while attending a ceremony at the memorial of a young Jewish man who was tortured to death in 2006. Two trees planted at the scene where Ilan Halimi was found dying in a Paris suburb have been vandalized.

Frederic Potier, a French government official in charge of fighting anti-Semitism, racism and anti-gay discrimination, said some far-right groups have managed to infiltrate yellow-vest demonstrations. □

Dutch fishermen try to avert EU ban on electric shocks

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch fisherman protested Tuesday outside parliament in a last-ditch attempt to avert a European Union ban on the practice of using electric shocks to stun fish before scooping them up in nets.

The Dutch fishermen argue that the technique, known as electric pulse fishing, is environmentally friendly because it allows trawlers to use far less diesel and doesn't damage the seabed. Opponents call it industrial fishing that is wiping out fish stocks.

Dozens of pulse fishers and their families visited parliament to call for protection while acknowledging that talks this week between European parliamentarians and EU member states will

very likely lead to a ban.

Jacob Bakker, who sails a pulse fishing trawler out of the small Dutch port of Urk, said he doesn't want to abandon pulse fishing because "it is proven that it is a more sustainable way of fishing."

Dutch fishers say pulse trawlers use half as much diesel as their old fishing technique, which involved dragging chains along the seabed to dislodge fish. Bakker called on Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte to intervene.

He "is the only one who can help us by talking to (French President Emmanuel) Macron" before the meeting in Strasbourg, Bakker said.

The Dutch fishing industry has invested heavily in the practice, although it is only supposedly being carried out on an experimental



Dutch fishers and their families hold up banners during a protest outside parliament in The Hague, Netherlands, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, supporting electric pulse fishing.

Associated Press

basis under special EU exemptions. Going back to old techniques will cost the fleet millions, according to research commissioned by the Dutch fishing industry. Nearly 80 of the Dutch fleet's 137 trawlers are equipped

for pulse fishing. The pulse trawlers caught 75 percent of the total catch of sole in 2016, according to figures released by the country's fishing groups.

Environmentalists and fishers in France and Britain

insist that the technique amounts to industrial fishing that could empty the seas of certain species. Environmentalists also warn that it could have damaging consequences for marine ecosystems and say more study is needed into the possible effects.

"There is much controversy about the environmental impact of the electric pulses which needs to be further assessed by independent scientific bodies," marine environmental group Seas At Risk said in a statement.

Jerry Percy, director of an association of small-scale fishers in Britain, said he had repeatedly heard from local fishermen that not only fish but even worms that live in the sands off the coast disappeared after pulse trawlers passed by. □

Taliban name negotiating team ahead of new talks with US

By KATHY GANNON

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— The Taliban on Tuesday announced a 14-member negotiating team ahead of talks this month with U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who has been meeting with the insurgents to try to end America's longest war.

Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai will head the Taliban team, which includes five former inmates of the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay who were released in 2014 in exchange for U.S. Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who was captured by the Taliban in 2009 after wandering off his base. The team also includes Anas Haqqani, the jailed younger brother of the leader of the Haqqani network, a powerful Taliban faction.



In this Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019 file photo, Taliban Mullah Abbas Stanikzai, center, attends "intra-Afghan" talks in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said Haqqani, currently held in Kabul, "should be released to start work on the negotiating team." Mujahid said Tuesday that Haqqani "was a student at the time of his

arrest and was not involved in any activity for which he should be arrested."

The Taliban have demanded Haqqani's release since talks began last year. By naming him to the negotiating team, the Haqqani network might be indicating that his release is a precondition for their participation.

The network has not been

openly involved in talks with the U.S. envoy, except to send three representatives to a meeting in the United Arab Emirates in December. That meeting reportedly touched on the issue of prisoners, including Anas Haqqani and two professors from the American University in Kabul — Kevin King, an American, and Timothy Weeks, an Australian — who are believed to be held by the Haqqani network. The two professors were abducted in 2016 from Kabul. A video released more than a year ago indicated King was in poor health.

The Taliban have so far refused to meet with the U.S.-backed government in Kabul, instead holding meetings in Moscow earlier this month with prominent Afghan figures, including former President Hamid Karzai.

Afghan President Ashraf

Ghani has complained bitterly about being sidelined, and it's not clear that his government would be willing to release Haqqani without being granted a larger role in the process.

The U.S. envoy met Monday with NATO and European Union officials in Brussels, and tweeted that he was "encouraged by their strong endorsement on the progress we've made on a peace process." He said the sides are aiming to reach a peace deal "worthy of the sacrifices made over decades of war," and not a withdrawal agreement.

This was Khalilzad's first stop on a three-week mission that will also take him to Germany, Turkey, Qatar, Afghanistan and Pakistan. U.S. President Donald Trump has indicated his frustration with the war in Afghanistan and has said he wanted to bring U.S. troops home. □

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Israel: 'Much safer' Mediterranean with Cyprus teamwork



Cyprus' president Nicos Anastasiades, left, and Israel's President Reuven Rivlin smile at the presidential palace in divided capital Nicosia, Cyprus, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

By MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS
NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)

— Israel's president on Tuesday hailed his country's flourishing ties with Cyprus, saying that cooperation between the two neighbors on intelligence, security and terror prevention has made the eastern Mediterranean "much, much safer."

"Security ties between our two countries have never been better," Israeli Presi-

dent Reuven Rivlin said after talks with Cypriot counterpart Nicos Anastasiades during a visit to the island nation.

"Our navies and commando units share space, knowledge and experience," he added, without elaborating.

Rivlin said the prime focus of the strategic partnership that includes Greece is developing the East Med gas

pipeline that "could be one of the greatest underwater projects in the world."

The envisioned pipeline would carry natural gas from deposits in the eastern Mediterranean to Europe via Greece and Italy.

Anastasiades said Cyprus and Israel share a joint commitment to the East Med project that would diversify Europe's hydrocarbons supply and bolster its energy security.

"Our synergies are beacons of hope," Anastasiades said.

Israeli-Cypriot relations have blossomed in the last decade following gas discoveries in waters off both countries. Israeli company Delek has a stake in Cyprus' Aphrodite gas field, which lies close to Israel's massive Leviathan deposit.

Currently, energy companies including Italy's Eni, France's Total and Exxon-Mobil are involved in a hydrocarbons search in the waters of Cyprus' southern coastline. □



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Uighurs to China: Post a video of my missing relatives, too

By YANAN WANG

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Members of the Uighur Muslim ethnic group are calling on China to post videos of their relatives who have disappeared into a vast system of internment camps.

The social media campaign, launched Tuesday under the hashtag #MeTooUyghur, follows the release of a state media video showing famed Uighur musician Abdurehim Heyit, who many believed had died in custody.

"China, show us their videos if they are alive!" Halmurat Harri, a Finland-based Uighur activist, wrote on Twitter. He urged the government to also release videos to prove that others believed detained are in good health amid reports

of neglectful and sometimes brutal conditions in the camps.

China has come under increasing scrutiny for the camps, which hold an estimated 1 million minority Muslims in its far west Xinjiang region. Former detainees who fled overseas say that while they were held captive, they were ordered to renounce their faith and pledge loyalty to the ruling Communist Party through indoctrination tactics reminiscent of the Cultural Revolution.

Beijing, which long denied the existence of such facilities, now says they are vocational training centers where Uighurs, Kazakhs and others receive free skills education. Surveillance cameras, security checkpoints and riot police



In this Sept. 14, 2018, file photo, Indian Muslims shout slogans in support of minority Uighur Muslim ethnic groups in detention and political indoctrination centers in China.

Associated Press

have become ubiquitous in Xinjiang in recent years, but the government maintains that such measures are necessary to combat separatist violence and latent religious extremism.

In a rare show of public criticism from a majority Muslim nation, Turkey on Saturday called China's treatment of Uighurs "a great cause of shame for humanity." Citing reports of Heyit's death, the

Turkish foreign ministry condemned "concentration camps" and "systematic assimilation" to which Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang are subject.

At a regular news briefing on Tuesday, Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said of the #MeTooUyghur campaign, "China has more than 1 billion people, do we need to release a video of everyone?"

Hua on Monday called Turkey's statement "a very bad mistake." She said the video of Heyit, released by the state outlet China Radio International, showed that claims of his death were an "absurd lie." She said the renowned musician and poet was being investigated for allegedly endangering national security. □

Thai polls regulator heeds king, blocks princess' candidacy

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's Election Commission on Monday disqualified the sister of the country's king from becoming a candidate for prime minister in next month's general election, saying all royals have to be above politics and the monarchy must remain politically neutral.

The commission's decision came after her brother issued an order describing Princess Ubolratana Mahidol's political bid as inappropriate and unconstitutional.

The Thai Raksa Chart Party last Friday registered Ubolratana as its candidate, defying precedent against royal involvement in politics.

Her choice of party was notable because the party is associated with the political machine of former



In this Oct. 26, 2017, file photo, Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn walks in a funeral procession of his father the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a 2006 coup after being accused of abuse of power and disrespect for the monarchy.

A royal order late Friday night from King Maha Vajiralongkorn said tradition

and law barred the princess from politics.

Ubolratana's involvement was seen as a challenge to Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who led a 2014 military coup and is favored to win the March 24 election, which 45 parties

are contesting. The military, a bitter foe of the exiled Thaksin, is closely allied to the palace.

Thai Raksa Chart on Saturday hastily issued a state-

ment declaring its loyalty to the king and acceptance of his order, though it was technically too late to withdraw Ubolratana's candidacy. □

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Brazil soccer club promises compensation for fire victims

By DIANE JEANTET

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

The Flamengo soccer club promised Monday to promptly pay financial compensation for the victims of a devastating fire that killed 10 young academy players, but its president refused to answer any questions on the apparent lack of proper licensing for the training center.

At a news conference held at the public prosecutor's office in Rio de Janeiro, Flamengo president Rodolfo Landim did not take any questions from reporters on why the dormitory was registered with the city as a parking lot and why it did not have all the required fire safety certificates.

The club had previously said licensing issues had "nothing to do" with last week's fire.

But the speed at which the blaze spread — so fast that 10 teenage athletes could



A soccer fan sits in front a giant banner depicting a vulture, the Flamengo's mascot, during the funeral of Samuel de Souza Rosa, one of the 10 young soccer players killed in a fire at the training ground of Brazilian soccer club Flamengo, in Sao Joao de Meriti, Brazil, Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

not escape — has led many Brazilians to question the quality and solidity of the structure and whether it was properly equipped

to house people.

In several videos posted on social media, the youngsters can be seen playing around inside their sleep-

ing areas, which appear to be small, white units containing several bunk beds each. Local media have been referring to the units

as "housing containers."

The club's CEO, Reinaldo Belotti, over the weekend defended the "modular accommodations" at the Ninho do Urubu training ground, telling the G1 news portal that the same units had been used by Brazil's Olympic soccer team.

Still, pressure for city officials and the club to answer questions was mounting.

Zico, perhaps the most famous player to come through the club, was among those who demanded more transparency. "If you are fined 30 times, you can't keep postponing and get 20 more. Something has to be done," the former player told Globo TV news' sports channel, SporTV. Flamengo has been fined 31 times because of infractions at the training ground, which had to be temporarily closed in October 2017. The club has not paid 21 of those fines, Rio de Janeiro's city hall said. □

Venezuelan opposition banking on protests, military backing

By SCOTT SMITH

CHRISTINE ARMARIO

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) —

Venezuela's opposition called its supporters into the streets across the country Tuesday in a campaign to break the military's support of President Nicolas Maduro, who refuses to let emergency food and medicine from the United States across the border.

Maduro also rallied supporters at rival demonstrations following more than a month of pressure led by opposition lawmaker Juan Guaido, who has proclaimed himself the country's legitimate president.

The struggle now centers on emergency food and medicine from the United States warehoused on the Colombian border town of Cucuta. Guaido vows to deliver it to Venezuelans who need it, but his strategy for outmaneuvering Maduro remains unclear. Maduro remains firmly in power and has the backing of the military, which has been blocking the aid



Opposition members shout slogans against Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro during a protest in Urena, Venezuela, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

he snubs as part of an effort to topple him.

Thousands of opposition demonstrators began gathering early Tuesday in the capital of Caracas. Many painted their faces with the colors of the Venezuelan flag and draped

flags over their shoulders.

Maduro backers, meanwhile, gathered at a square in the capital, cheering and waving flags.

National Guard members dressed in riot gear and holding shields blocked some streets in anticipation

of opposition demonstrators.

Guaido in January declared presidential powers, arguing Maduro's reelection was a sham, and called on soldiers to back a return to democracy. He's garnered broad in-

ternational support and has drawn masses into the streets for protests, which have sometimes turned violent.

With a few exceptions, however, soldiers have yet to answer his call.

The socialist president says the humanitarian aid is part of a U.S.-led coup and won't let it across the border. Venezuela's military last week barricaded a key bridge between Venezuela and Colombia in an apparent attempt to keep the humanitarian aid from entering.

Protesters Tuesday called on Maduro to relent, citing epidemic hunger and illnesses that they can't treat in Venezuela, once among Latin America's wealthiest nations and one with the world's largest oil reserves.

"Nicolas Maduro should put his hand on his heart and accept that aid," said May-erly Prada, among a small group of protesters on the Colombian side of the Tien-ditas International Bridge. "It's help for many Venezuelans like my son." □

LOCAL



'Father' of Parke Curason: George Forbes

By Linda Reijnders

For years I have been practicing sports at the actual only real sport park in Aruba. Parke Curason at Jaburibari is a fenced park with covered basketball field, football field, BMX racing track, skateboard field, workout stations, kid's play garden and a paved walking/running/biking path of 750 meter. It is located in the neighborhood Jaburibari and a popular spot for locals. If you would like to 'meet the locals', join in on some basketball games and sniff some 'coulure local', this is the place. But, for me, the cherry on the pie is the dedication of the 'father' of the park to his job: meet George Forbes.

Face of the Place

There are people that just do their job and there are people that make a difference in the way they do their job. Forbes makes a difference when you visit Parke Curason. He greets visitors, walks around to take off helping a kid pump his football or pointing out a bump in the runway to a jogger. He even is concerned with the cars that enter and directs them to an available parking spot. He is to most people of the park 'the face of the place' and many times we forget to thank people like him to stand out like this.

150 daily visitors

Aruba Today had a little chat with Forbes. "I work here since 13 years and I love everything about my job. I am supervisor and security. The

people come here every day and the connection with them makes me happy." He explains that for a day the park gets about 150 visitors. "That is the average, it can be more in the weekend." All nations and all ages are represented, indeed a multicultural all-generation park. The park he believes exists 14 years now, so he was here from almost the beginning.

"The park at that time looked amazing, everything was new and in good shape. More and more people are coming now, the Aruban people love sports more now and that is good. Comparing to the past it got better, that is why we need to focus on maintaining the park", George explains. He likes to do sports himself, and he is always walking around to help young and old. "I am not somebody that sits in a corner making my money. There are a lot of things we need to take care of to prevent accidents." For George, his goal is to continue making the people happy and see the park fixed up. "I hope that the promised maintenance will come to reality very soon. It is very important as this park has a crucial role."

BMX training spot

Jaymer Carolina, BMX-er, confirms the importance of the park to his sport: "The park is my training field. I train here 6 times a week from 5 to 7 pm." His club is called Rough Riders Aruba where he rides in the 17-24 age category. "But next season I am planning to race elite, the pros. It's all about adrenaline, speed, style



and also trying to work your way up to the first place." Not only is the park a home to BMX groups, also basketball teams, football groups, skateboard fanatics, little children, bikers, runners and walkers find their way. And after all it is also a social gathering spot. Like Daniel Tromp says: "This park allows me to practice my sports, BMX, and therefore I can race abroad. But this is also where I meet my friends. The park is in high need of maintenance and I hope this will be done soon and the government takes her responsibility in this." This opinion is shared by Sharitza Henriquez who likes to walk in the park. "There is a lot of lacked maintenance like the workout stations." For George this is nothing new, he sees his park every day and is concerned about the state of it. "I welcome more and more people every time which is positive, but we need to fix things."

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The Orange Ribbon Campaign marks Monarch Awareness Month



ORANJESTAD -- The Butterfly Farm Aruba begins the celebration of its 20 anniversary with a campaign to conserve the local Monarch butterfly. Orange ribbons will be placed at several locations where milkweed, the Monarch's host plant, grows wild.

The Monarch butterfly depends solely on the milkweed plant (*Calitropis procera*) for its reproduction. The female Monarch lays her eggs on this plant, and the caterpillars that hatch use this plant as their exclusive food source. After a few weeks of feeding, the caterpillars make their pupa, which

is green colored with a golden ring adorning it. In this pupa the caterpillar transforms into the orange-colored Monarch butterfly. The Orange Ribbon Campaign has been launched to raise awareness about the importance of conserving the milkweed host plant, and, at the same time, helping protect the local Monarch butterfly population. When you see this orange ribbon wrapped around a milkweed, it symbolizes the promise to protect and conserve this plant and the recognition of the Monarch butterfly as a valuable part of our local ecosystem.

The Monarch butterfly is known worldwide, and is renowned for their annual grand migration, where they fly thousands of miles from Northern US/Southern Canada to several hibernation sites in Mexico with colonies reaching over a million in number. These Monarch sanctuaries attract many visitors yearly. Throughout the years, de-routed Monarchs have inhabited the Caribbean Islands.

Join the Orange Ribbon Campaign. Visit the Butterfly Farm in the month of February to get your orange ribbon, and help tag the milkweed plants in your neighborhood. Together we can make a difference. ☐

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"Pollo a la Brasa, roasted chicken, is a very popular dish in Peru and the first thing my wife does when she visits her home country is paying a visit to Pardos, a well-known chicken rotisserie in Lima. She realized she never found a place like this on the island of Aruba", says Jan. "The seasoning makes the difference and when it lacks the chicken will be dry and without taste. That was our motivation to bring our own charcoal burning rotisserie from Peru, eco-friendly as it traps heat and steam internally meaning there is no smoke." In the United States roasted chicken is a popular dish, now visitors can have a taste of their favorite home-dish, but with the Peruvian twist.

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Peru. And not to forget: the Pollo a la Brasa has a take-out option too." Jan continues giving an example of a table of eight persons that came to eat-in and left happy because of the quality of the chicken and side dishes as well as with the bill. "It is ideal for families with children, kids love roasted chicken. Normally it comes with a fresh garden salad and fries, but we offer as well 'chaufa' (Peru's version of Chinese Fried Rice) and other side dishes. There will be more surprises in the future. Original combos with Inca cola, very well-known in Peru, are on the menu. We just opened and we already sense that it is a niche we found." To make the happy meal complete there is home-made ice-cream, for sure a hit with the little ones.

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Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 13

California Lighthouse Experience

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- From 9 AM till 5 PM
- Hudishibana 2, Westpunt
- Facebook Aruba Walking Tours



Saturday 16

Jump-in at Ling & Sons

- Go crazy doing some groceries shopping and dance to the beat of carnival music presented by local carnival legends BMW.
- From 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM
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- Facebook Ling & Sons IGA Supercenter



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- Starts at Aruba Entertainment in Dakota and ends in front of the Cruise Terminal, Downtown
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Friday 15

Ora Loca Carnival Jump Up

- Mingle with the locals at this crazy carnival jump up. It's all about the fun
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Tuesday 19

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SPORTS



Place your bets: NASCAR pushes its chips on sports gambling

By DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— Brendan Gaughan is the son of a casino magnate and has long grasped the allure of throwing down a few bucks to wager on a sporting event.

Heck, Gaughan once bet on himself in Las Vegas to win the 2004 Daytona 500. Gaughan got a stern talking to from NASCAR back in the day when gambling was perhaps the most taboo topic in sports. March Madness brackets, Super Bowl prop bets, they all go hand-in-hand with the biggest games as much as the highlights, but wagers on the upstart underdog or 5-1 favorite were saved for Vegas, office pools and the neighborhood bookie operating illegally.

But societal attitudes — and more to the point, laws — toward betting have evolved, leading even sports leagues to loosen their stances as a new world of potential partnerships and revenue streams has opened.

Count NASCAR as the latest sport racing toward the gambling industry.

"The more people betting and playing fantasy games on your sport, the more people watch," Gaughan said during Daytona 500 qualifying. "NASCAR has always known that. They still know that."

Gaughan is happy to give NASCAR fans and the betting public the latest inside scoop on the sport.

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30 FOR 30

Harden runs 30-point streak to 30, Rockets beat Mavs 120-104

Houston Rockets guard James Harden, left, drives to the basket past Dallas Mavericks guard Tim Hardaway Jr. (11) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in Houston. Houston won 120-104.

Murray, Crosby lead Penguins past Flyers 4-1

By AARON BRACY

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Matt Murray guzzled a sports drink through part of his postgame interview. It's not surprising the Pittsburgh Penguins goalie needed to rehydrate after such an intense outing.

Murray made a career-high 50 saves and Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist to lead the Penguins to a 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Monday night.

"When you're out there, you don't really think about that," Murray said of the shot total. "You just do what you can to try to stop the puck."

Jake Guentzel and Nick Bjugstad also scored and Kris Letang had an empty-netter for the Penguins, who snapped a four-game losing streak while winning for just the fourth time in 12 games. Pittsburgh entered holding the final wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference.

Murray was a wall for the Penguins, withstanding an offensive flurry by Philadelphia that included a franchise-record 28 shots in the second period.

"He was great, especially in the second period," coach Mike Sullivan said. "That's the type of game he's capable of."

Jakub Voracek scored for Philadelphia, which lost for just the second time in 11 games. The Flyers could've pulled within four points of Pittsburgh with a victory, but now stand eight points behind the Penguins. The Flyers' disappointment stemmed from the defeat, but not their play.

"We play like that, we won't have to worry about anything," interim coach Scott Gordon said.

Flyers rookie goalie Carter Hart had his eight-game win streak halted, falling one game shy of setting an NHL record for consecutive victories prior to turning 21 years old. The 20-year-old also finished a game short

of tying Pelle Lindbergh for the Flyers' rookie record for wins in a row. Hart had 24 saves.

"I have to be better than today," Hart said.

Crosby put the Penguins up 1-0 with a fluky goal with 11:41 left in the first period. Hart lost sight of the puck behind the net and it caromed off the glass to Crosby to the right of the crease. With Hart still looking the other way, Crosby shot into the empty half of the net for his 24th of the season and 40th goal in 65 career games against Philadelphia. The Penguins' star has scored against the Flyers more than any other team.

"You have to stay calm because you don't know if the goalie is eventually going to see it or someone else is going to see it," Crosby said. "It feels like it takes forever with the puck bouncing like that. It might look easy but when you have that much time, sometimes it's harder than you think."

Bjugstad made it 2-0 7:04 into the second with a wrist shot from a sharp angle, an uncharacteristically soft goal for Hart. It was the sixth of the season for Bjugstad and his first with the Penguins since being acquired from Florida on Feb. 1.

The Flyers appeared to score with 7:07 left in the second when Nolan Patrick's rebound crossed the goal line, but the referee whistled the play dead when he thought Murray had gloved Travis Konecny's initial shot.

"I got lucky," Murray said.

Guentzel scored on a wrap-around with 5:14 remaining in the third to make it 3-0. It was the team-leading 27th goal for Guentzel.

Voracek finally got Philadelphia on the board 40 seconds later on the power play, when he lifted the puck over Murray from close range.

The Flyers gained the man-advantage when Pittsburgh center Evgeni Malkin received a match penalty

with 4:54 left for hitting Michael Raffl in the head with his stick. Malkin returned after missing five straight games due to an upper body injury and had an assist.

CAPITALS 6, KINGS 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evgeny Kuznetsov had two goals and two assists to lead Washington over Los Angeles.

Alex Ovechkin scored his NHL-leading 38th goal and had two assists and Brett Connolly, Christian Djoos and Jakub Vrana scored for the Capitals, who won for the third time in four games.

Kings goalie Jonathan



Vancouver Canucks' Elias Pettersson, left, of Sweden, crashes into San Jose Sharks goalie Martin Jones during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Associated Press

Quick allowed six goals on 31 shots behind some uneven defense. Austin Wagner scored twice and Tyler Toffoli and Oscar Fantenberg each had a goal for Los Angeles, which went 3-2-1 on its six-game trip.

SHARKS 7, CANUCKS 2

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Evander Kane scored twice, leading San Jose past Vancouver.

The victory moves San Jose into first place in the Western Conference and extends the Sharks' winning streak to six games. □

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Westbrook's triple-double streak at 10, Thunder beat Blazers

By The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Russell Westbrook set an NBA record with his 10th straight triple-double, Paul George scored 47 points, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Portland Trail Blazers 120-111 on Monday night.

Westbrook broke a tie with Wilt Chamberlain, who had nine straight triple-doubles in 1968, by finishing with 21 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists. He clinched the record on an assist to George for a 3-pointer with 3:52 remaining in the fourth quarter. It was his 23rd triple-double of the season and the 127th of his career.

George had 12 rebounds and 10 assists for the third triple-double of his career. Rookie Deonte Burton had a career-high 18 points and Raymond Felton added a season-high 15 for the Thunder.

Damian Lillard scored 31 points and Jake Layman added 17 for Portland.

ROCKETS 120, MAVERICKS 104

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden scored 31 points for his 30th straight 30-point game despite dealing with a shoulder injury, leading Houston over Dallas.

Harden, who had eight rebounds and seven assists, seemed to be a bit slowed early by the strained left shoulder that he injured on Saturday against Oklahoma City, making just one of his first seven shots. But he warmed up after that and finished 9 of 23, capped by his sixth 3-pointer with less than a minute left to put him over 30 and keep the streak going. Fans chanted "MVP! MVP!" after he sunk the step back over Dorian Finney-Smith.

He's now just one game from tying Wilt Chamberlain for the second-longest streak of 30-point games in NBA history. Chamberlain also holds the top 30-point game streak with 65 in a row.

Luka Doncic had 21 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Mavericks, who lost for the first time this season to Houston after winning the first two meetings.



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, center, shoots as Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, left, defends in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Monday, Feb. 11, 2019. Train Blazers center Jusuf Nurkic (27) is at right.

Associated Press

Chris Paul added 17 points with 11 assists, and Gerald Green scored 19 points with five 3-pointers to help Houston to its fourth win in five games.

CAVALIERS 107, KNICKS 104

CLEVELAND (AP) — Collin Sexton scored 20 points and Cleveland held off a late rally and sent New York to its franchise-record 17th straight loss.

Sexton hit two free throws with 17 seconds remaining to put Cleveland up by three. John Jenkins missed a 3-pointer from the right corner, but Dennis Smith Jr. grabbed the rebound and dribbled to the corner. He also missed a 3-pointer and Larry Nance tapped the rebound to midcourt as time ran out.

Nance and Jordan Clarkson each scored 15 points. Kevin Love had 14 points and nine rebounds in his second game since returning from foot surgery. The All-Star forward played 16

minutes, all in the first half. Love was 4 of 10 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and had nine rebounds. Kadeem Allen scored a career-high 25 points for the Knicks. New York (10-46) has the worst record in the league, and has lost 25 of 26 and 30 of its last 32 games.

RAPTORS 127, NETS 125

TORONTO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard banked home the tiebreaking basket with 4.2 seconds remaining and Toronto edged Brooklyn.

Leonard scored 30 points, Serge Ibaka had 18 points and 12 rebounds and Pascal Siakam scored 17 for the Raptors, who have won eight straight home meetings with the Nets.

Raptors center Marc Gasol scored 16 points, 11 in the fourth quarter, in his home debut after being acquired in last Thursday's trade with Memphis.

D'Angelo Russell scored 28 points and had a career-

high 15 assists for Brooklyn. Joe Harris scored 24 points and made a career-best seven 3-pointers, but the Nets lost for the fifth time in six games.

BUCKS 112, BULLS 99

CHICAGO (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 29 points and had 17 rebounds, Eric Bledsoe added 19 points and Milwaukee outlasted pesky Chicago.

Malcolm Brogdon added 17 points and Khris Middleton had 16 to help league-leading Milwaukee win for the seventh time in eight games and improve to 13-2 over its last 15.

Antetokounmpo recorded his 39th double-double of the season in his return after sitting out his fourth game of the season Saturday, against Orlando in Milwaukee, due to right knee soreness. The Bucks had their lowest scoring output of the season in that one as their six-game winning streak ended in a 103-83 loss to the Magic.

Zach LaVine finished with 27 points after scoring 17 in the first half, and Lauri Markkanen had 20 points and 17 rebounds to help Chicago stay close until the end.

NUGGETS 103, HEAT 87

DENVER (AP) — Denver snapped a three-game skid by beating Miami behind 23 points and 12 rebounds from Nikola Jokic and 20 points from Malik Beasley.

The Nuggets swept the season series from the Heat for the first time since 2008-09 and improved to 18-1 when holding opponents under 100 points.

This marked the first time they did that since a 105-99 win at New Orleans on Jan. 30.

Denver pulled away in the third quarter to avoid matching a season-worst four-game skid it had in November before recovering in a big way to soar into the upper echelon on the Western Conference.

PISTONS 121, WIZARDS 112

DETROIT (AP) — Andre Drummond had 32 points and 17 rebounds, and Detroit extended its winning streak to four with a victory

over Washington.

Blake Griffin had 20 of his 31 points in the first half for the Pistons, who haven't lost since blowing a 25-point lead in a home defeat against the Los Angeles Clippers on Feb. 2. Detroit began Monday tied with Miami for the last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Wizards, who are without injured John Wall and Dwight Howard, traded Otto Porter Jr. away last week. Nevertheless, they came into the game on a two-game winning streak before falling short against Detroit.

Bradley Beal had 32 points and 10 assists for the Wizards.

PACERS 99, HORNETS 90

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Myles Turner scored 16 points and Thaddeus Young added 11 points and eight rebounds to help Indiana hold on to beat Charlotte.

The Pacers have won six straight — all without two-time All-Star guard Victor Oladipo, who will miss the rest of the season with an injured right knee.

Kemba Walker scored 26 of his 34 points in the second half when the Hornets stormed back from a 16-point halftime deficit. Jeremy Lamb added 21, but it wasn't enough to prevent Charlotte from losing for the third time in four games.

TIMBERWOLVES 130, CLIPPERS 120

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Derrick Rose and Jeff Teague gave a beleaguered backcourt a needed boost and lifted Minnesota over Los Angeles.

Rose scored 22 points and Teague added 19 for the Timberwolves, who played without the ill Andrewiggins. Rose and Teague both have missed significant time with injuries recently. Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota, while Dario Saric had 19 points.

Lou Williams scored a season-high 45 points off the bench for the Clippers, making a season-best 16 free throws while going perfect from the line. □

How many Kyler Murrys are out there in specialization era?

By CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer

Kyler Murray has chosen football over baseball, at least for now. It is anyone's guess when the world will see another athlete with the skills and opportunity to have such a choice.

The Oakland Athletics selected Murray ninth overall in the Major League Baseball draft last June. He then went out and won the Heisman Trophy in his only year as Oklahoma's starting quarterback, declared for the NFL draft last month and picked the NFL over MLB on Monday.

Few athletes have positioned themselves to have such dynamic options. And in this age of youth sports specialization, it may become rarer still.

Deion Sanders played pro football and baseball, and "Prime Time" has a special place in his heart for athletes who excel at a high level in both sports. He wishes more young men had the same opportunities as Murray, but laments that youth sports coaches often encourage kids to pick one main sport at an early age. "You've got some idiot in a youth league telling a kid, 'If you just focus on this one thing, you're going to be great,'" Sanders said. "Then, you've got the same (kind of) idiot in high school — 'You're not going to play this other sport because I'm not going to let you start until you dedicate yourself.'"

Sports specialization has drawn a lot of attention in recent years, with base-



In this June 15, 2018, file photo, Oakland Athletics draft pick Kyler Murray looks on before a baseball game between the Athletics and the Los Angeles Angels, in Oakland, Calif., and In this Dec. 8, 2018, file photo, Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray holds the Heisman Trophy after winning the award in New York.

Associated Press

ball greats such as John Smoltz suggesting it can hurt young players simply because of the wear and tear. Still, many believe it has its place.

After all, most athletes don't have the gifts of Murray, Sanders or Bo Jackson, the 1986 Heisman winner for Auburn who was an All-Star for the Kansas City Royals in 1989 and made the Pro Bowl for the Los Angeles Raiders in 1990. Tom Westerberg, Murray's football coach at Allen (Texas) High School who now coaches at Barbers Hill (Texas) High, said even the really good ones often are best served honing their skills in one sport. "Athletes like him (Murray) come around once in a long time, with that athletic ability and been doing it for that long," Westerberg said. "How many Deion Sanderses have there been? You can name the Bo Jacksons, the Deion Sanderses — you

can name those guys on one hand. So it's not that all of a sudden you tell a kid to play multiple sports and you're going to get a ton of Kyler Murrys and Deion Sanderses."

And having options comes with complications and questions.

Back in 1992, Sanders played cornerback for the Atlanta Falcons during the day in Miami, then flew to Pittsburgh to join his Atlanta Braves teammates for a National League Championship Series game. Sanders looked back at that day during a recent ESPN documentary called "Deion's Double Play."

Sanders' true love was football, and it was his focus. He is in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and had a productive baseball career, but he offered a glimpse of what might have been during the 1992 World Series, when he hit .533 with four runs, eight hits and two doubles

in four games.

"I regret often that I didn't put a lot more into the game of baseball," Sanders said. "I really do. I have those thoughts often."

Oklahoma baseball coach Skip Johnson said being special in both sports requires brains, too. Murray said he has been clocked at 4.3 seconds in the 40-yard dash, yet Johnson said his unusually high intellect is what allowed him to progress in both sports.

"To have the thought process that Kyler has, to go through the things that he has, to learn (Oklahoma football coach) Lincoln Riley's system, to learn our system in baseball — it just goes to show you what kind of aptitude that guy has as an athlete," Johnson said.

Dr. Mininder Kocher, a professor at Harvard Medical School and associate director of the Division of Sports Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital, has

contributed to research that shows youth sports specialization is on the rise. He said the fact that Murray played both football and baseball for so long might have helped him excel in both.

"On one hand, he clearly is sort of a unique athlete — maybe genetically or maybe just intrinsic athleticism that he can be so good at two different sports," Kocher said. "Some of that might just be a blip, that he's that good of an athlete. Part of it is that there are transferable skills. It's good for the body to be doing different sports because you're not doing the same movement patterns over and over and over again."

Murray's success makes Johnson more than willing to look for more multi-sport superstars. Last season, Murray hit .296, had a .556 slugging percentage and hit 10 home runs in 189 at bats for the Sooners. □

MLB's 150th anniversary logo features silhouetted batter

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball's 150th anniversary logo features the silhouetted batter created for the 1969 celebration of the first professional baseball team.

MLB released the design Tuesday. Players, managers and coaches will wear a patch on their right sleeves of a batter in white prepared to hit a white ball, with a blue background in front of the batter and

red behind. "MLB" appears to the left of the logo and "150" to the right. The patch is more horizontal than the ones used for the 100th and 125th anniversaries.

The 1969 logo, designed by Jerry Dior of Sandgren & Murtha, had a white border and "100TH ANNIVERSARY" below in red. The logo became MLB's official mark as the commissioner's office took a more prominent role in the American



This logo provided by Major League Baseball shows the league's 150 anniversary logo.

Associated Press

and National Leagues. The logo was put on the backs of caps starting in 1993 and the back of jersey necks in 2000, according to Uni Watch. The 1994 logo

changed the batter and ball to gold, had "125th ANNIVERSARY" below and was surrounded by a gold and black border. This year's patch has a darker blue.

Teams also wore a logo in 1939 to commemorate the now discredited myth that Abner Doubleday invented baseball in 1839 at Cooperstown, New York. □

Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson are still going strong

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 144-man field at Riviera has 88 players who have combined to win 496 times on the PGA Tour.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson account for 25 percent of those victories.

No one should be surprised. While too one-sided to be a rivalry, they have been a powerful one-two punch in golf. The same day Woods won his third straight U.S. Amateur right before he turned pro, Mickelson won the World Series of Golf at Firestone. Woods picked up his 80th career victory at the Tour Championship to end last season. Mickelson won his 44th at Pebble Beach on Monday.

If anything raises eyebrows, it's that Mickelson believes their trophy collection will keep growing.

"I just believe that, even today, if I play my best, if Tiger plays his best, it's good enough to win on any week," Mickelson said. "And the challenge is there are so many great young players, and so many great players in the game today, that it takes our best to win. I just think that both myself and Tiger are going to have a really, really good year this year."

Nothing changes the outlook like winning, and Mickelson made it look easy on the weekend at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

He recovered from consecutive bogeys along the ocean, when the wind and rain were at their worst, by playing the final 26 holes without a bogey. Mickelson



In this Sept. 4, 2018, file photo, Phil Mickelson, left, listens to Tiger Woods speak during a news conference where they were announced as captain's picks for the 2018 U.S. Ryder Cup Team, in West Conshohocken, Pa.

Associated Press

made an 8-foot par putt on the 17th hole Saturday. Otherwise, his longest putt for par during that stretch was 4 feet.

But it's harder than it looks. Mickelson turns 49 this summer, and one of the most underrated qualities has been his health. He revealed in the summer of 2010 that he was dealing with psoriatic arthritis. Otherwise, his injuries have been either minor (left wrist from Oakmont's rough in 2007) or temporary (broken leg from skiing in 1994).

"The challenge is getting myself to play my best," Mickelson said.

Woods is 43 with eight surgeries behind him — four on his left knee, four on his lower back.

His comeback last year is why expectations are so high now. Woods played

well in Florida last year, took a dip in the late spring and then kept getting better until winning the Tour Championship the way he won so many other tournaments. He built a lead over 54 holes and played the kind of golf that was tough to beat.

He was at his best that week, and he had to be. With the meat of the season about to begin, the question is how often they can be at their best against deeper and younger competition.

He seems to be doing just fine. Mickelson was poised to win the Desert Classic until he lost on a birdie at the last hole to Adam Long, who was No. 417 in the world ranking. He overcame a three-shot deficit against Paul Casey by closing with a 65 at Pebble

Beach. In between was a missed cut at the Phoenix Open, where he changed driver in search of a few extra yards. Mickelson is always chasing distance.

His optimism comes from picking up 6 mph of swing speed for his driver, which he says rarely happens to anybody, let alone someone in his late 40s.

There was no secret involved.

"It's not really a secret. It was nine months of hard work," Mickelson said. "And then overnight I was swinging 6 mph fast. It was biometric swing studies, taking weaknesses and making them strengths. It was time in the gym. It was a whole workout process. It's been a lot of work, but days like this make it worthwhile."

Mickelson last year won the Mexico Championship

for his first victory in more than four years, the longest drought of his career. Even when he wasn't winning, he was a runner-up at majors three straight years.

Woods went five years without winning, but that was different. During a four-year stretch when he had four back surgeries, he played only 19 times on the PGA Tour and registered only one top-10 finish. To have won last year, to have risen to just outside the top 10 in the world, is cause for optimism.

But it's not easy.

"I've worked to give my body the best chance to do my job, but there are days when I just don't practice and I don't train. Those are days I've just got to rest," Woods said at Torrey Pines. "That's probably been one of the lessons I've learned through all of this, is there are days I just have to shut it down."

The Genesis Open is their first time competing against each other since the Tour Championship, notwithstanding the overhyped made-for-TV match they played with \$9 million going to the winner (Mickelson). They are in elite territory financially, too. With his victory, Mickelson joined Woods as the only players to surpass \$90 million in career earnings on the PGA Tour.

Mickelson says his goal of 50 victories might be tougher to achieve than he realized. What about \$100 million?

"I just need one more match with Tiger and I should get there," he said. □

Switzerland beats rival Austria for gold in team event

By ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

ARE, Sweden (AP) — Switzerland has now won gold in all 11 events in the history of the Alpine skiing world championships.

The Swiss completed their medal collection by narrowly beating rival Austria to win the team event Tuesday.

Ramon Zenhausern edged

Marco Schwarz in the final run as the Swiss followed up their Olympic title from last year's Pyeongchang Games.

Wendy Holdener, who won the combined on Friday, gave Switzerland its first point.

The final finished 2-2 after the four parallel slalom races, with Switzerland winning thanks to a lower overall

time.

Austria is the only other nation with world titles in the five men's races, five women's races and the team event.

Also on the winning team were Aline Danihoth, Andrea Ellenberger, Sandro Simonet and Daniel Yule.

"Big hats off to Wendy and Ramon who really pulled the rest of us through and

put down the fastest times," Yule said. "It's nice for us pure tech guys to kick off the world champs this way." Italy beat Germany to take bronze. Sixteen teams competed in the knockout format.

Switzerland also beat Austria in the final in Pyeongchang.

Holdener and Yule both said that team spirit was

the deciding factor.

"Even when we come to the city events on tour and meet up with the slalom girls we always have a game of football together or something like that," Yule said. "So that was a really important factor today. We just had fun."

Switzerland eliminated host Sweden in the quarterfinals. □

NASCAR GAMBLING

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He co-hosts both the "Fantasy Racing Preview" with Pete Pistone on SiriusXM and "Gone Racin'" on VSIN, a national sports gambling news network.

"When it comes to fantasy sports and betting on NASCAR races, there's nothing wrong with it," Gaughan said.

NASCAR is on board — and on the betting boards of sportsbooks from Nevada and beyond — with legalized betting in 2019.

"I wanted to go all in on gambling last year," NASCAR executive Steve O'Donnell said.

But NASCAR took a step back and scanned the gambling landscape before implementing gambling guidelines in the rulebook for this season. Among the new restrictions: drivers and team members are banned from betting on races or disclosing confidential information. They are allowed to participate in fantasy sports relating to the three national touring series, Cup, Xfinity and Truck, but may not accept prizes with a value of more than \$250 in any games. The bans are in line with other major sports.

NASCAR partnered with Sportradar Integrity Services to develop a comprehensive gambling policy intended to protect the sport from cheating scandals.

"We have so many people that are linked to the cars. I think the integrity is a big piece to it," O'Donnell said. But fans? Get ready for action.

Nevada's effective mo-

nopoly on sports betting ended last spring, when the Supreme Court ruled the ban should be lifted. Casinos in seven other states — Rhode Island, Delaware, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New Mexico — now accept wagers on sports. The list is expected to grow by next year with numerous states considering bills.

Dover International Speedway, because of its alliance with Dover Downs Hotel & Casino on the same property, pounced and opened an on-site kiosk for its fall race and became the only track that allowed sports gambling on its property. The white tent was nearly as popular a stop as a selfie in front of the Monster Mile and the track will bring it back for the May race.

"I would consider it a success from the standpoint of the fan interaction, the fan education," said John Hensley, general manager and senior director of horse racing and sports betting at Dover Downs. "We never went into it looking at it as a revenue generator. We always looked at it as just an additional amenity for that motorsports fan. Just based on the experience and word of mouth from the fall race, I would anticipate a greater flow of traffic for the spring, for sure."

Football, basketball and baseball historically generate the bulk of sports betting and NASCAR has yet to spark interest among the masses. Vernon Kirk, director of the Delaware lottery, said full-scale sports betting started in Delaware on June 5, 2018, and less than



In this Feb. 10, 2019, file photo, Brendan Gaughan walks down pit road during qualifying for the Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

one-tenth of 1 percent has been wagered on auto racing (\$129,250 out of \$134,707,750).

And there's already a hitch that could slow bets: NASCAR this season has decided for the first time to strip drivers of victories if their cars are deemed illegal. There will be a roughly 90-minute inspection after the race and the winner will not be deemed official until the process is completed. Will fans really want to linger around the pay window another couple of hours just to cash in a ticket? "The state's risk manager will delay any payout until NASCAR releases the official order of finish," Kirk said. "Our casinos will receive an

email reminding them of NASCAR's new procedures the week of Daytona."

The betting lines supplied by William Hill are set: Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch are 5-1 favorites to win the 2019 Cup series championship. 2018 champ Joey Logano checks in at 7-1. For Sunday's Daytona 500, Harvick has 15-2 odds, Logano is at 8-1 and Brad Keselowski is also at 8-1 to win "The Great American Race."

Fantasy NASCAR is already popular with both Fanduel and DraftKings offering bettors the chance to create lineups each week. With only one elite series race each weekend, NASCAR has less volume than some of the stick and ball sports.

"Most people will say that the online experience is really where the volume is going to be," Hensley said. There are more gambling tie-ins for the sport on the horizon: Speedway Motorsports Inc. and EquiLottery Games announced plans for Car Clash, a three-number lottery draw game based on race results. NASCAR also will allow race teams to have sports gambling sponsors at all races. Anyone in NASCAR caught breaking the gambling rules faces the possibility of suspension, indefinite suspension or termination. "The rules are in place," Hensley said, "but you can't legislate human behavior." □

Horan injured, left off US roster for SheBelieves Cup

CHICAGO (AP) — Lindsay Horan was left off the U.S. roster for the SheBelieves Cup tournament because of a quadriceps injury.

It was unclear when the Portland Thorns midfielder was hurt.

Coach Jill Ellis announced 23 players for her roster on Tuesday. The United States opens with Japan on Feb. 27 in Chester, Pennsylvania, plays England on March 2 at Nashville, Tennessee, and closes group play

three days later against Brazil in Tampa, Florida.

All four teams are among the top 10 in FIFA's rankings and will play at this year's Women's World Cup in France.

"These are all teams that can go deep in the tournament this summer and provide the kind of tests we need as we continue to work to crystalize our lineup and our final roster for the World Cup," Ellis said in a statement.

All 23 Americans were on the roster for the team's exhibition games against France and Spain last month.

The United States will hold a pre-tournament training camp in Tampa, that includes four additional players: goalkeeper Jane Campbell, defenders Merritt Mathias and Emily Fox and midfielder Allie Long.

The roster:

Goalkeepers: Adrianna Franch (Portland Thorns),

Ashlyn Harris (Orlando Pride), Alyssa Naeher (Chicago Red Stars).

Defenders: Abby Dahlkemper (NC Courage), Tierna Davidson (Chicago Red Stars), Crystal Dunn (NC Courage), Kelley O'Hara (Utah Royals), Becky Sauerbrunn (Utah Royals), Casey Short (Chicago Red Stars), Emily Sonnett (Portland Thorns).

Midfielders: Danielle Colaprico (Chicago Red Stars), Julie Ertz (Chicago

Red Stars), Rose Lavelle (Washington Spirit), Samantha Mewis (NC Courage), Andi Sullivan (Washington Spirit), McCall Zerboni (NC Courage)

Forwards: Tobin Heath (Portland Thorns), Carli Lloyd (Sky Blue), Jessica McDonald (NC Courage), Alex Morgan (Orlando Pride), Christen Press (Utah Royals), Mallory Pugh (Washington Spirit), Megan Rapinoe (Seattle Reign). □



Pain in the Neck

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

A "pain in the neck" is an annoying person or thing. So where does the expression come from? Anybody who has or has had back pain will appreciate how tiresome this kind of pain can be. Allopathic physicians will order an x-ray, maybe even one of those fancy atomic medicine machines that show your insides in Technicolor™. And there "it" is, the offending vertebral disk, or pinched nerve. We have all these machines to measure, make visible, and give us objective information. Regrettably, from all this information no pathology can be inferred. What does that mean? Not even a radiologist, looking at the pictures of your body can determine how much pain you feel or that you have osteoporosis. Only a bone density test can determine your real status. You see, pain is a feeling and feelings cannot be measured objectively. What is going on here? Allopathic doctors can only look for structural problems to explain your back pain.

Complimentary or integrative physicians, noting an absence of structural problems look at the energetic map of your body to determine the origin of your back pain. For us no part of your body exists in isolation. Every tooth in your body is energetically connected to an organ, a joint, a vertebra, a feeling, a season, even to a color. So, every vertebra of your spine and its disks are also associated to many different parts of your body. This association is the "science" of complimentary medicine. To pinpoint exactly where the energy is being blocked is the "art" of my job. Let's take a look at two areas of common back pain.

The first is, literally, a pain in the neck. People who wake up with stiff necks thinking they have slept "wrong" the night before. Sometimes, the neck stiffness is so pronounced these people have to turn their shoulders to see something at their side. When I start asking about their stomach they look confused. "Well, yes, doctor, I have frequent heartburn, but I am here for my neck". They are relieved when one acupuncture treatment using only two or four needles greatly loosens and relieves the pain, and confused again when we send them off with a blood test to check their stomach. Helicobacter pylori bacteria and another common virus – Rotavirus are some of the biggest stomach problems we see in our clinic. If the stomach is blocked, nothing moves smoothly causing a block above leading to stiff necks and shoulders. If your blood type is A and you frequently suffer from a stiff neck, your deficient stomach acid is causing the problem. What your neck needs more than a physical therapist is a Clinical Nutritionist.

Perhaps the most common lower back problem involves the vertebra lumbar 4 and 5. Allopathic surgeons recommend back operations for L4/ L5 back pain, even though the outcome is much less than satisfactory. Energy physicians, do not lose sight that the hypo-gastric plexus nerve that exits the spinal column at L4/L5 commands the colon, bladder, rectum, and genital organs. Those of you who are now saying "Aha, we should look at these organs for problems" would make good complementary physicians. But let me make this exercise more challenging by asking; what if after checking the organs you

hear the line from your regular doctor, "the tests show everything is alright". You have come to a dead-end on your road of recovery back to health.

When the tests show no apparent problem, and the organs are well within energetic values, then we turn our attention to the mental and emotional body. In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) the organs that are controlled by the hypo-gastric plexus nerve are organs of elimination. If we are having no problems in our physical elimination organs we look at the emotional aspect of elimination, which is "letting go" of past emotional traumas.

For our bodies of energy, emotional pain equals physical pain. The absence of any physical elimination organ problem has to be resolved by allowing ourselves, to "let go" of that specific emotional trauma. Holding on to this emotional pain can produce an energetic block that causes pain in vertebra L4 and L5.

All physical pain includes an emotional trauma history. To find relief for lower back pain of an emotional nature the patient does not need to completely resolve the issue, but for healing to start to take place the trauma needs to be acknowledged.

Get the Point! Things in life are nearly never as simple as the experts tell you. Back, neck and shoulder pain, like other body pains are massages trying to tell us that part of our body needs attention. Acupuncture treatments facilitate the release of energy blocks causing the pain and many times will help you release the corresponding emotional blocks. This is true healing. □

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Millennial money: Minimalism can declutter finances, too

By MELISSA LAMBARENA
Associated Press

Christian Matney, 22, and his wife, Aubry, 23, haven't let their youth hinder them from big financial goals. The Austin, Texas-based couple — content creators at YouTube channel The Matneys — are travelers, entrepreneurs and homeowners, thanks in part to their commitment to financial minimalism. The approach involves decluttering accounts, obligations and balance sheets.

"We got things simple enough (to) where we both knew where our money was going," Christian Matney says.

Here's how financial minimalism can help you clarify goals, reduce stress and focus on what matters.

LIST YOUR MOTIVATIONS

Minimalists live intentionally by carving out goals around which they center their lifestyles. But the key is knowing what those priorities are.

"If you're not directed and know exactly where you're going, something's going to be directing you," Christian



In this Dec. 4, 2018, file photo a man walks into the shade of a building in downtown Los Angeles. Associated Press

Matney says.

The Matneys married in May 2016 and began mapping their goals and documenting milestones on YouTube. At the time, both were employed at the same startup, working long hours and unable to commit much time to one of their top goals: travel. They set about simplifying.

When they moved into an apartment together, they

purged many of their belongings — and many of their financial obligations. "We had tons of unnecessary expenses we didn't even know were there," Christian Matney says. He notes they went from 30 monthly bills — including subscription accounts and donations they didn't realize had piled up — to five. They then bought a van and, in 2017, moved into

it, taking their jobs with the startup on the road. Along the way, they continued building their social media brand. By 2018, Christian says, they were able to quit their jobs and become business owners themselves, focusing on their brand and building websites for other companies.

For the Matneys, it was a matter of visualizing a goal — travel — and organizing

their lives to meet it.

"The money follows, the steps follow and everything follows, but you've got to know where you're going first," Christian Matney says.

WEIGH VALUE VERSUS STRESS

When deciding whether to buy, skip or toss an item, minimalists try to determine whether it adds value to their lives. Apply that to your financial accounts.

Beyond holding your money, accounts should save you time, fees and, perhaps most importantly, stress. For 64% of Americans, money is one of the most common sources of stress, according to the 2018 American Psychological Association's Stress in America Survey.

If your accounts are stressing you out, switch, close or consolidate. "If you can take four different accounts and move them into one, on your brain, that makes such a tremendous impact because your finances are so much easier to manage," says Brent Sutherland, a certified financial planner and self-proclaimed "semi-minimalist." □

Global stocks rise as US averts government shutdown

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks gained in early trading Tuesday after U.S. lawmakers reached a deal to avoid another partial government shutdown and as the U.S. and China engage in another round of trade talks.

The agreement on border security involves far less money for a wall than the White House wants and it's not clear whether President Donald Trump will support the deal. Still, the move alleviates some uncertainty for the market ahead of talks that economists and analysts hope will end a damaging trade war between the world's biggest economies. Both nations are trying to reach a deal before March 1. That's when additional tariffs will kick in, escalating the conflict and further hurting companies and consumers with higher prices on mate-

rials and products.

Elsewhere, companies are wrapping up an earnings season that's featured solid profit growth for the final three months of 2018, but caution about conditions going forward. Analysts are now predicting a contraction in profits for the current quarter, according to FactSet.

Brewer Molson Coors fell as lower volume reduced revenue and profit. Under Armour rose after stronger sales helped it beat forecasts.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 245.6 points, or 1 percent, to 25,298 as of 9:50 a.m. The S&P 500 index rose 0.9 percent and The Nasdaq composite rose 1 percent.

FAULTY TAP: Molson Coors plunged as lower sales volume sunk revenue and profit during the fourth

quarter, while the brewer also said it has to restate some past results. The maker of Molson and Coors brands said tax accounting errors in 2016 and 2017 are prompting the restatements.

The stock fell 7.2 percent.

MORE FOUNDATION: German conglomerate JAB Holdings hopes to take a majority stake in Coty Inc., which makes CoverGirl, Max Factor and Hugo boss brand cosmetics.

JAB is offering to buy up existing stock from shareholders at \$11.65 per share, marking a 20 percent premium from its closing price on Monday. The goal is to eventually own 60 percent of the company's stock. Coty's CEO, Camillo Pane, recently resigned from the company, which faces supply chain and revenue issues.

The stock rose 14.6 percent.


OVERSEAS: Markets in Europe and Asia are also

broadly higher. Fears of a global slowdown still linger as the US and China head into trade talks. Britain, Europe broadly and China have all reported slower economic growth. □




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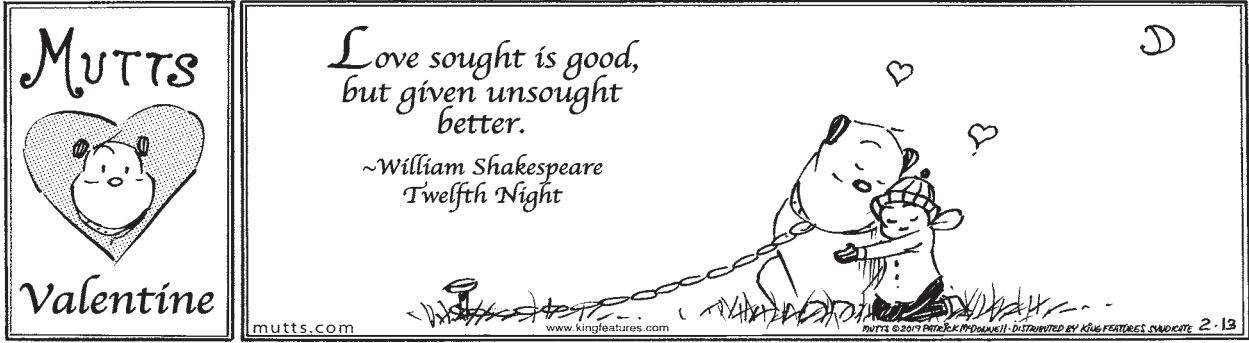
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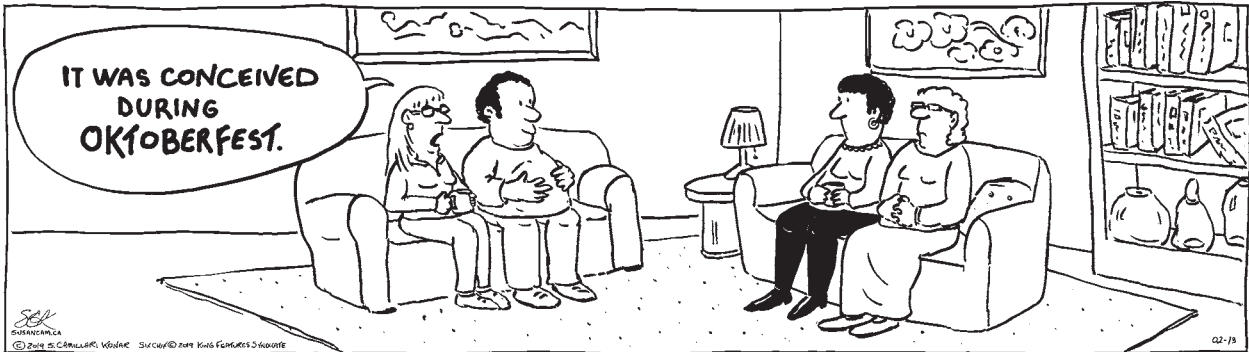
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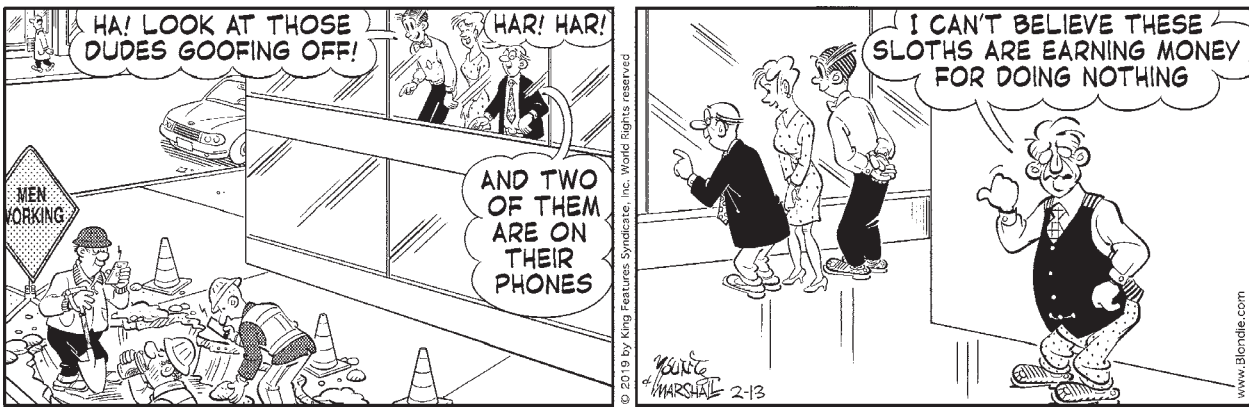
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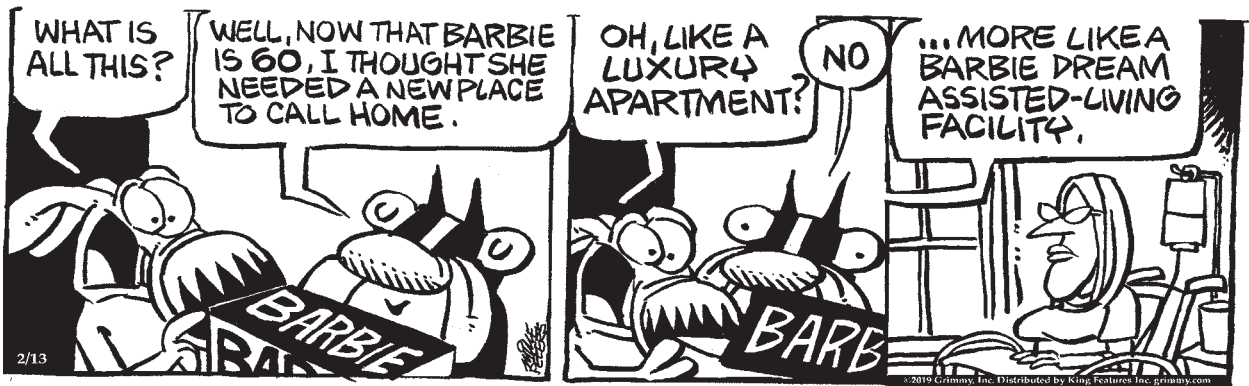
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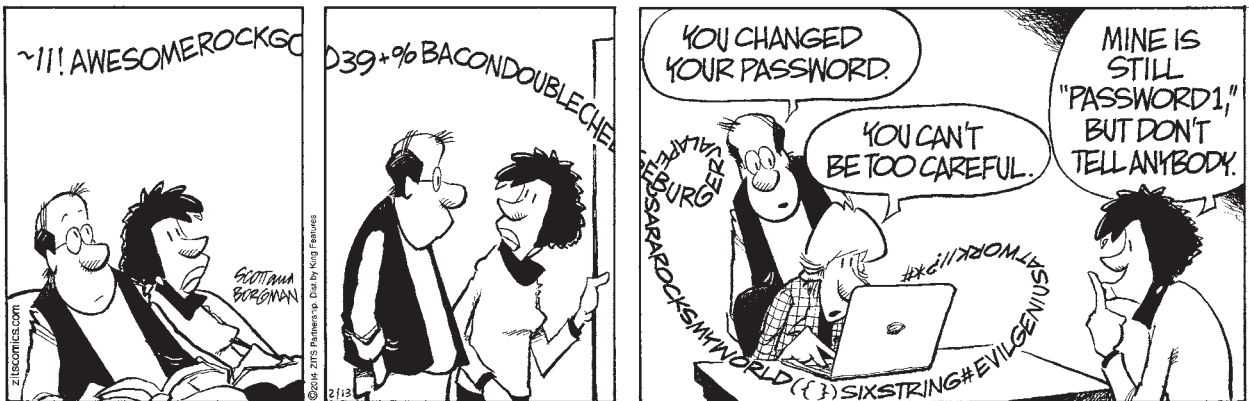
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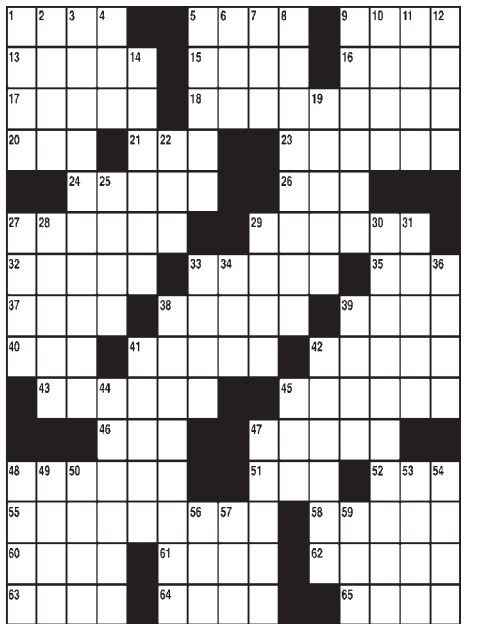
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5	8	2	3	7	9	1	4	6
4	3	9	2	1	6	7	8	5
7	1	6	4	8	5	2	9	3
6	9	7	8	5	1	4	3	2
8	5	3	6	2	4	9	7	1
2	4	1	9	3	7	5	6	8
1	2	4	7	6	3	8	5	9
3	7	8	5	9	2	6	1	4
9	6	5	1	4	8	3	2	7

ACROSS

- 1 On the ___ with; not speaking to
5 Slightly open
9 Black bird
13 Plant pest
15 White fish
16 Vesuvius' output
17 Stead
18 Walked unsteadily
20 Family card game
21 Behold
23 Revolutionary rider Paul
24 Damp
26 Very late bedtime
27 Zsa Zsa & Eva
29 Rico
32 Wed secretly
33 Saves
35 Wheel center
37 Feel the loss of
38 Does an usher's job
39 Crumbly cheese
40 ___ pants; Jean-Claude Killy's attire
41 Arial & Times New Roman
42 Female animals
43 Personal writings
45 Baffling questions
46 "...a miner, forty-niner, and daughter, Clementine..."
47 Fraternity letter
48 Hut near a swimming pool
51 "___ Lazy River"
52 Truman's predecessor, for short
55 Topples
58 Numerical comparison
60 Follow orders
61 Outer garment
62 Mattress pad covering
63 Likelihood
64 Nervous
65 ___ and crafts
DOWN
1 Where 2/3 of Hawaiians live
2 "Once ___ a time..."



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

TOM	SWORD	NOSE
AMID	HANOI	UGLY
CANE	INCAS	TREE
REPORTERS	MEWS	
RUTS	OLE	
ASSETS	TELEGRAM	
SWISS	SHAVE	ONE
HIES	POISE	TUGS
EFG	FRONT	TUNES
STEALING	HARDLY	
RUM	SICK	
FLAN	ESSENTIAL	
LOGE	VALID	SPOT
AWES	AGAZE	HERE
TEDS	LATER	DDE

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- 38 Teriyaki marinade
39 Quick
41 Pass out
42 Back teeth
44 Shattered glass fragments
45 Get-up-and-go
47 Singer Springfield
48 Singer Perry
49 Enthusiastic
50 Be flexible
53 Count calories
54 Decays
56 Slender stick
57 Henpeck
59 ___ moment; instant of realization

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Trump calls for investment in artificial intelligence

By MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writer

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order directing federal agencies to prioritize research and development in artificial intelligence.

The plan, called the American AI Initiative, follows big investment pledges from China and other countries intended to advance and apply AI technology in fields ranging from warfighting to health care.

The White House plan that Trump signed Monday doesn't include any funding details. The administration says it's up to Congress to appropriate money. That lack of specifics is troubling to AI experts such as Erik Brynjolfsson, a management professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"The good news is America's research infrastructure in artificial intelligence is leading the world," Brynjolfsson said. "But other countries are making much more aggressive investments and rapidly closing the gap, especially China." Trump's order directs federal agencies to make government data and



In this Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, file photo President Donald Trump arrives on Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

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computing resources more available to artificial intelligence experts while maintaining security and confidentiality. Creating such standards for capturing and sharing huge troves of data, such as medical records, could lead to breakthroughs in medical diagnosis and treatment, said Tom Mitchell, interim dean of Carnegie Mellon University's computer science school.

The order also calls on agencies to "protect civil liberties, privacy and Amer-

ican values" in applying AI technologies, and to help workers gain relevant skills through fellowships, apprenticeships, training programs and computer science education.

Tech leaders from industry and academia have pushed the Trump administration to develop a national AI strategy. The White House in December hosted a listening session with the CEOs of Google, Microsoft, IBM, Oracle and Qualcomm to field ideas for securing American

dominance in AI and other fields such as quantum computing and faster wireless technology known as 5G. Trump made brief mention of technology in his January State of the Union address, pledging "investments in the cutting-edge industries of the future."

Kate Crawford, a co-director of New York University's AI Now Institute for studying the social implications of artificial intelligence, said the directive takes some steps in the right direction but is too light on details. "AI policy isn't an autonomous vehicle," Crawford said. "You basically need a detailed plan or it's going to run off the road."

Crawford said she welcomed the Trump administration's intention to accelerate research and regulate AI across different industrial sectors. But she said the administration also must ensure that AI's potential ethical challenges are taken seriously.

AI-based technologies such as facial recognition can be used to enhance government surveillance, while studies have found that computers are susceptible to the same racial

and gender biases as the humans whose data they learn from.

Brynjolfsson said it's important for U.S. policymakers to not only push the AI technology frontier, but also think hard about values and how the technology is implemented.

"China in many ways has very different values than we have in the West about things like surveillance, privacy, democracy, property rights," he said. "If we want Western values to thrive, we need to play a role in maintaining and even extending the technological strength we've long had."

Economists have also warned that AI advances could displace many U.S. workers in the coming years — something that Trump's plan doesn't do enough to address, said Bradford Newman, an attorney who is pushing for a new regulatory body to govern AI issues.

"We can figure out how to regulate and account for the downside risks now, or we can wait until it's too late and it's purely reactive and people are out of work," Newman said. □



This Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, file image made available by NASA shows the Kuiper belt object Ultima Thule, about 1 billion miles beyond Pluto, encountered by the New Horizons spacecraft.

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NASA's faraway space snowman has flat, not round, behind

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — The faraway space snowman visited by NASA last month has a surprisingly flat — not round — behind. New photos from the New Horizons spacecraft offer a new perspective on the small cosmic body 4 billion miles (6.4 billion kilometers) away. The two-lobed object, nicknamed Ultima Thule, is actually flatter on the backside than originally thought, according to scientists.

Pictures released late last week — taken shortly after closest approach on New Year's Day — provide an outline of the side not illuminated by the sun.

When viewed from the

front, Ultima Thule still resembles a two-ball snowman. But from the side, the snowman looks squashed, sort of like a lemon and pie stuck together, end to end. "Seeing more data has significantly changed our view," Southwest Research Institute's Alan Stern, the lead scientist, said in a statement. "It would be closer to reality to say Ultima Thule's shape is flatter, like a pancake. But more importantly, the new images are creating scientific puzzles about how such an object could even be formed. We've never seen something like this orbiting the sun."

Project scientist Hal Weaver of Johns Hopkins University, home to New Horizons flight

control center, said the finding should spark new theories on how such primitive objects formed early in the solar system.

Ultima Thule — considered a contact binary — is the most distant world ever explored. New Horizons zipped past it at high speed, after becoming the first visitor to Pluto in 2015. Mission managers hope to target an even more distant celestial object in this so-called Kuiper Belt, on the frozen fringes of the solar system, if the spacecraft remains healthy.

New Horizons is already 32 million miles (52 million kilometers) beyond Ultima Thule. It will take another 1 ½ years to beam back all the flyby data. □



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Hedi Slimane unveils debut menswear show for Celine in Paris

By THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Passers-by gathered outside the giant glass windows of Celine's traffic-stopping show venue Sunday night: erected in Paris' sparkling Place de la Concorde, which is also used as a traffic circle.

Designer Hedi Slimane's debut menswear effort for Celine — the most highly anticipated show of the season — also drew the stars inside, including Courtney Love. All were all eager to see the new face of the age-old Parisian stalwart that's historically always been associated with dressing women.

Here are some highlights of Sunday's installment of Paris Fashion Week.

HEDI SLIMANE

Has Hedi Slimane lost some of his attitude?

The former Saint Laurent designer who courts controversy and provokes outrage from fashion editors at almost every turn seems to have turned a new leaf.

Sunday's menswear debut for Celine showed a different side to the enfant terrible of Paris fashion, one that was restrained and even conservative (relatively).

Clean silhouettes that riffed on the '60s included a checked coat in luxuriant-looking wool or a slim tweed coat. Color was used sparingly.

Slimane's unkempt, waiflike



Models wear creations for the Paul Smith men's Fall/Winter 2019/20 fashion collection presented in Paris, Sunday Jan. 19, 2019.

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and shaggy-haired models were still there stomping down the runway, as were the retro Teddy Boy touches like winkle picker shoes, white socks and a few statement sparkling jackets.

But this new Celine man had a distinctly bourgeois feel.

Even signature Slimane garments that would have once been provocative, like a yellow faux-zebra coat, looked restrained owing to their simple and balanced proportion.

Was it a little bit low-energy?

COURTNEY LOVE GETS

CANDID

Decked out in a black velvet top, an excited Love sat front row at Celine as she looked upon the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower.

"I think it's going to be fantastic. What Hedi (Slimane) does is amazing and it's an honor to be here," she said. Love has been writing her memoirs for some years that recounts key moments in her life including with late-Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain.

But she told The Associated Press that she's struggled with the writing process.

"My book is three-quarters of the way done. It's hor-

rible. It's hard to concentrate. That's why it's taking so long," she said.

She said her 26-year-old daughter, Frances Bean Cobain, Cobain's daughter is one of the main reasons she's writing to help her child make sense of a life marked by a father's untimely death in 1994.

"My daughter really is my muse. I'm doing it so that she understands things in her life," she added.

KENZO DESIGNER'S ROOTS

Psychedelic Peruvian paintings covered panel upon panel of Kenzo's fall menswear show that celebrated one of the de-

signer's Chinese-Peruvian heritage.

The set, painted by artist Pablo Amaringo, evoked scenes inspired by the hallucinogenic Amazonian "ayahuasca" drug — with multicolor space ships, jungle, parrots and deer merging into one — and had some fashion guests squinting amid fluorescent lighting.

Designer Humberto Leon's family is Tusan, a Peruvian people whose ancestors arrived in Latin America in the 19th century from Guangdong province in China.

The theme provided a rich fashion tapestry in the clothes — from Andean mountaineering styles with woolies, fun hiking boots, utilitarian rucksacks and amassed layering, to ethnic textiles in flashes of bright color.

Beyond the encyclopedic theme, there were some trendy touches in deconstruction — such as a series of cross jackets with Asian-style cinched waists that sported the inner sleeve lining on the outside.

BENDING THE GENDER RULES

A number of houses have in recent seasons been bending the set rules and showing women's pre-collections or women's ready-to-wear during the back-to-back menswear and couture calendar such as Proenza Schouler and Rodarte. □

'Saturday Night Live' star Aidy Bryant ready to be shrill

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)

— "Saturday Night Live" star Aidy Bryant says she was drawn to the Hulu series "Shrill" because of the chance to play a woman who is about more than her weight.

The six-part comedy debuting March 15 is based on Lindy West's memoir, "Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman," which Bryant said struck a chord with her.

She identified with the book's portrayal of a world that is "telling you you're wrong for existing the way you do, even if you don't

feel that way," Bryant told a TV critics' meeting Monday. "You feel like, 'I have a lot to offer the world and why do I have to do it in a size-two package?'"

But the series, which Bryant co-wrote, isn't what she called a "fat festival" that's obsessed with weight.

"Our show isn't really about being fat and it's also really not about dieting and it's really not about her body," she said of her character, Annie.

Ultimately, she said, it's what any TV show is about: a character trying to achieve her goals and the

family and friends who surround her.

That circle includes a difficult boss (played by John Cameron Mitchell, co-creator of the stage musical and film "Hedwig and the Angry Inch") and her close buddy (English comedy actress Lolly Adefope).

Abortion also figures in the show, as it does in West's memoir.

Series executive producer Elizabeth Banks said she felt "having a positive, normalizing representation of women's reproductive rights on television would also be a really good idea." □



Aidy Bryant, left, and Elizabeth Banks participate in the "Shrill" panel during the Hulu presentation at the Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour at The Langham Huntington on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in Pasadena, Calif.

Associated Press

'Babadook' director grapples with divisive follow-up

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) —

There's an early scene in director Jennifer Kent's film "The Nightingale" that is so relentlessly brutal, it's become almost infamous and has evoked the most extreme reactions, both positive and negative.

And it's not at all what Kent expected to happen. She thought she'd made a film about love. So why, she wondered, are some saying it is, "needlessly punishing" and that they'll never watch it again.

The film screened for U.S. audiences for the first time at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival. It's set in 1825 in Tasmania and follows an Irish convict, Clare, played by Aisling Franciosi, who hunts a British officer (Sam Claflin) through the wilderness seeking revenge for what he's done to her and her family. It's an epic, beautiful and demanding journey as Clare enlists an Aboriginal tracker (Baykali Ganambarr) to help her navigate the treacherous terrain. IFC plans to release



Aisling Franciosi, left and director Jennifer Kent pose for a portrait to promote the film "The Nightingale" at the Salesforce Music Lodge during the Sundance Film Festival on Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, in Park City, Utah.

it in theaters this summer. It's Kent's first feature since her debut, "The Babadook," which played at Sundance five years ago and went on to become a critical darling and modest box office hit. Its reception changed her life and made her real-

ize that she had a career and could keep going as a filmmaker. Since then she's been in demand, and has turned down "some good films" that she declined to name simply because if she's going to spend years of her life on a film, she has

to be passionate about it. So far, that's only happened when she's written it. It's why she nearly killed herself to make "The Nightingale." "I was seeing violence all around me and I'm a sensitive person and I was look-

ing at a lot of violence and thinking, 'What are we doing to each other? What are we doing to ourselves? Are there other ways through this?'" Kent said. "I wanted to tell a story about the necessity of love, compassion, kindness and empathy in a very dark time." She turned to her own country's deplorable history of penal colonies and the Tasmanian genocide for inspiration.

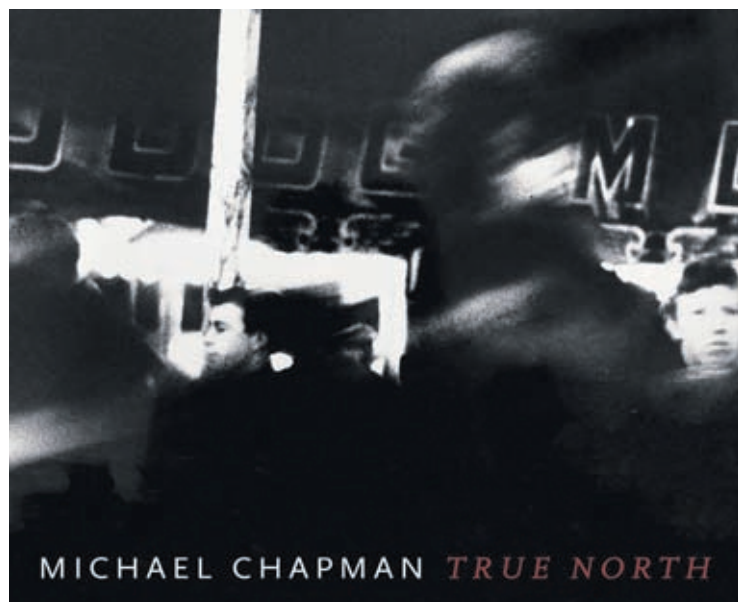
"It was a very violent time," Kent said. "Much more violent than was depicted in the film, believe it or not."

The shoot was incredibly difficult on location with rough terrain and dangerous waters to contend with. At one point her star even fainted after being in the freezing cold river.

"It was just a nightmare," she said. "And people were saying, 'You'll never do this, you won't finish this film.' And I thought 'Yes, I (expletive) will, but it may kill me.'" Kent is genuinely surprised at how polarizing it's been, since, for her it's ultimately a, "very positive film about love." □

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Michael Chapman looks back, forward on 'True North'



This cover image released by Paradise of Bachelors shows "True North," a release by Michael Chapman.

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By PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

Michael Chapman, "True North" (Paradise of Bachelors)

If John Bonham called his drumsticks "trees," Michael Chapman must have cables on his acoustic guitar instead of strings. Like Bon-

ham's booming but graceful play, Chapman's tones are thick and elegant and provide his songs with a ringing, rich emotional heft. "True North" is the Englishman's second album in a row admirably produced by Steve Gunn and, similarly to "50," its 2017 predecessor, offers a few new tracks, fresh takes on several older ones and a pair of instrumentals shining the spotlight on his sizable guitar skills.

Including such gems as "Fully Qualified Survivor" and "Savage Amusement," Chapman's discography is extensive, including fascinating instrumental albums, and he's revisited his own songs before, but the re-workings here should satisfy even the most fanatical connoisseurs of his catalog.

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Glenn Close: 'I feel like everyone's rooting for me'

NEW YORK (AP) — Glenn Close stands doubled over laughing in the doorway to her downtown Manhattan apartment while her loyal white Havanese, Pip, circles an arriving reporter. It's star time for both. Close, among the most accomplished performers never to win an Oscar, may finally break through with "The Wife," in which, ironically, she plays a deferential spouse (to an acclaimed author, played by Jonathan Pryce) who has been long overlooked. The never-nominated Pip has developed his own following, thanks in part to an appearance on "The View." The dog's Instagram account, under the name "Sir Pippin of Beanfield," is up to 3,400 followers.

Inside, Close hands the reporter a bottle of red wine to open as she recounts how hours earlier, while walking Pip in a park, a lady stopped her to relate her own story of being held back in her profession by a man. These are the kinds of stories Close has heard a lot since "The Wife" came out and since she gave a show-stopping acceptance speech at the Golden Globes where she spoke movingly about how her mother sublimated herself to Close's father, a prominent surgeon.

"Another woman crossing the street was like, 'I love you, Glenn!'" says Close. "People down in the pharmacy, they're all cheering me on."

Seemingly everyone knows that Close, 71, has emerged as the best actress front-runner after early buzz favored Lady Gaga for "A Star is Born." "The Wife" may be a modest independent film (\$9 million at the box office, and still playing six months after opening), but the moment feels finely tailored to Close, the most-nominated living actor never to win an Oscar. What would an Academy Award mean to her? She pauses.

"It would mean a lot but I wouldn't want it to be a pity Oscar because I've been an actress for 45 years,"



This Feb. 4, 2019 photo shows Glenn Close posing for a portrait at the 91st Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif.

says Close, whose previous honors include three Tony awards, three Emmys and three Globes. "People have been going back and looking at my basic body of work and the six times I lost and what those roles were. So I can't pretend it's just for 'The Wife.' But I feel like everybody's rooting for me." But that's not to say Close will be crestfallen if she doesn't win. She smiles. "I've decided if I lose, I'm going to look at the camera and say: 'I'm OK.'"

And she is. Much more than OK, even. Making "The Wife" has been its own cathartic, empowering experience for Close.

"It's taken me a long time to gain control of my own life. When I made 'The Wife,' I was in control of my own life for probably the first time," says Close. "I felt like I had new wings. Or maybe my wings were finally developed."

That's a startling pronouncement for an actress who has for decades been one of the most versatile and subtle actors of film, television and theater. A late bloomer, she didn't act in her first film until age 35. But since, Close has un-

fainly embodied intelligence and depth in everything from her early breakthroughs in "The World According to Garp" and "The Big Chill" to "Sunset Boulevard" (twice on stage, decades apart; she hopes to make a film of the musical this year); from her ruthless attorney on "Damages" to her infamous Alex Forrest in "Fatal Attraction."

"Nobody thought I could be sexy," Close says of the time before 1987's "Fatal Attraction," a film she'd like to see remade from the woman's perspective rather than the sympathetic point-of-view of Michael Douglas' cheating husband. "In making the movie a hit, I basically had to betray what I thought was the essence of that character," says Close.

"The Wife," a feminist parable based on Meg Wolitzer's 2003 novel, came to Close about six years ago, shortly before divorcing her third husband, venture capitalist David Evans Shaw. When it's mentioned to Close that she doesn't seem like someone who would ever subliminate herself to another, she responds, "Oh, you don't know me, personally," and lets out a loud laugh.

"I'm at a time in my life where I'm not beholden to anyone. I mean, I always am attached with every molecule in my body to my daughter, whether she likes it or not. But I'm not attached to any partner," says Close, whose 30-year-old daughter Annie Starke co-stars in "The Wife." "And I think it's for the first time in my life that I haven't felt the obligation to not be who I am, to put a shade over the light, to temper your power. And it's incredibly liberating."

That "The Wife" features Close and her daughter (who plays a younger version of the same character) gives the film an added, multigenerational layer of meaning. Both Close and Starke together crafted the character with inspiration from the women of their shared family tree. Foremost in Close's mind was her mother, who married at 18.

"It broke my heart to hear her say in her late '80s that she accomplished nothing," says Close, tearing up. "You can say, 'But, oh, you're such a good mother. Oh, you stuck it out with dad.' That wasn't the point.

It was something else. That's what I think resonated with a lot of women about that (Golden Globes) speech. Because we do what we naturally do. And for a lot of women that might be OK. But it hasn't been in the tradition to seek personal fulfillment for women."

Starke also drew on her paternal grandmother, a GE chemist who she said worked on the Manhattan Project before being fired for becoming pregnant with her father's brother. "I know she always wondered what could have been," said Starke by phone from Los Angeles.

"It was quite a powerful preparation experience," said Starke of working with her mother. "She keeps telling me that she feels like she's at the top of her power. She's getting recognition for something that hit so close to home. Hopefully the seventh time is the charm."

"The Wife" premiered just as the #MeToo movement was being born. It debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2017. Sony Pictures Classic, which acquired the movie, chose to wait to release it in August, timed to get ahead of the awards season rush.

"One of the reasons it was so fresh and so strong for us was how powerful Glenn was in the sequences where she's not even speaking," said Michael Barker, co-president of Sony Pictures Classic. "It's just her face and her face isn't even the central face in the frame. Even though it was a few months before the MeToo movement really kicked in, it was obvious the theme was very urgent and important."

Close, relaxing on a sofa next to Pip, grants she, like everyone else, thought Gaga was going to win at the Globes. ("I was just kind of going with low expectations, just keep your sanity," she says.) What she'd most like in awards season is the chance to sit with whom she calls her "category sisters" — all the best-actress nominees — at the same table. □

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Iconic Palestinian robe fashions a new political symbol

By ISABEL DEBRE

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The traditional brightly embroidered dress of Palestinian women known as the "thobe" was not the type of garment one would expect to become a pop political symbol.

Now it's gaining prominence as a softer expression of Palestinian nationalism, competing even with the classic keffiyeh — the headscarf donned by young stone-throwing Palestinian men protesting Israel's occupation.

The robe, adorned with elaborate hand-stitched embroidery, requires months of grueling labor. Some thobes fetch thousands of dollars. The traditional textiles call to mind a bygone era of Palestinian peasant women sewing on a break from the fields.

Last month, Rashida Tlaib proudly wore her mother's thobe to her historic swearing-in as the first female Palestinian American member of Congress, inspiring masses of women around the world, especially in the Palestinian territories, to tweet photos of themselves in their ancestral robes.

"The historic thobe conjures an ideal of pure and untouched Palestine, before the occupation," said Rachel Dedman, curator of a recent exhibit at the Palestinian Museum focused on the evolution of Palestinian embroidery. "It's more explicitly tied to history and heritage than politics. That's what makes it a bril-



In this Feb. 7, 2011 file photo, a woman views traditional Palestinian thobes during the exhibition "Women in Orient" at the Quai Branly Museum in Paris, France.

liant symbol."

The Palestinian thobe traces its history to the early 19th century, when embroidery was confined to the villages.

Richly decorated dresses marked milestones in women's lives: onset of puberty, marriage, motherhood. The designs varied from village to village — special three-dimensional stitching for the upper class of Bethlehem, big pockets for the nomadic Bedouin women, orange branch motifs for the orchard-famous city of Jaffa, said Maha Saca, director of the Palestinian Heritage Center in Bethlehem.

Thobe patterns also expressed women's different social positions: red for brides, blue for widows,

blue with multi-colored stitches for widows considering remarriage.

While Arab women across the region have worn hand-made dresses for centuries, the thobe has taken on a distinctly Palestinian character, particularly since the establishment of Israel in 1948. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians either fled or were expelled from their homes during the war surrounding Israel's creation. Many took only their dresses with them into the diaspora, Saca added.

The war, which Palestinians call their "nakba," or catastrophe, transformed the thobe.

"Suddenly, in the face of dispossession and cultural appropriation by Israelis, embroidery became an urgent task," Dedman said. "The dress was taken up and politicized."

Over decades of conflict that has claimed thousands of lives on both sides, Palestinian nationalism has taken on many forms.

In the early days of Israel's establishment, it was associated with calls for Israel's destruction and deadly attacks. Armed struggle later gave way to calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem — lands captured by Israel in 1967. Peace talks have been interrupted by

spasms of violence, and for the past decade, a deep freeze in negotiations.

Today, the internationally recognized autonomy government of the Palestinian Authority, which administers parts of the West Bank, continues to seek a two-state solution with Israel. The Hamas militant group, which seized the Gaza Strip in 2007, still seeks Israel's destruction, while many Palestinians, particularly the younger generation, now talk of a single binational state with Israel in which they would enjoy full equal rights.

Along the way, the thobe has grown in popularity and evolved, with dress designs reflecting history's many dramas.

During the first Palestinian intifada, or uprising, in the

1980s, the thobe bloomed with guns, doves and flowers. When Israeli soldiers confiscated Palestinian flags at protests, women wove forbidden national maps and colors into their dresses, according to the Palestinian museum exhibit. Now, Palestinian women of all social classes wear thobes to assert national pride at weddings and special occasions.

"It's a way of defending our national identity," Saca said.

The care, toil, and skill that go into making a thobe prevent the garment from becoming everyday streetwear — or protest-wear. But cheaper, mass-produced versions of the dress have sprouted up.

"A woman typically has one thobe to wear on occasions throughout her life — it's very expensive and impractical," said Maysoun Abed, director of a thobe exhibit in the West Bank city of Al-Bireh, near Ramallah. "But demand for the thobe still runs high as a way of expressing patriotism."

Although the robe shares potent patriotic subtext and roots in peasant life with the black-and-white checkered keffiyeh — made famous by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — the thobe is infused with nostalgic, almost mythical associations.

"Embroidery evokes the timeless connection of Palestinians to the land," Dedman said. "It's a soft image, referencing a deep past with which people have positive associations." □



In this Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 photo, Samiha Jeheshat, displays a handmade embroidered Palestinian thobe at her showroom in the West Bank village of Idna, north of Hebron.

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In this Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 photo, designer Natalie Tahhan works in her studio in east Jerusalem.

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